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NUMISMATICS



Old Coins Found

Not long ago two laborers excavating in Japan for a foundation, unearthed a mud covered pot containing fifty-four ancient coins of the Tokugawa period. The coins were called koban and are of solid gold, oval in shape. They are valued at \$1,000.

The Somerville, N. J. Gazette tells of one, John Van Aulen, of Millstone, N. J., who has an old English Coin, bearing the date 1723 and in a remarkable state of preservation. It was found by the present owner on the field where General Cornwallis was once encamped during the Revolutionary War, namely, the old Howell farm, where Howard DuMont now lives.

Mr. DuMont also has two cannon balls which were picked up on the same field and which had been used as ammunition when the British occupied this section. On one side of the Van Aulen coin is an imprint of George II and the words "Georgius Rex." On the other side is a figure of Britannia, with that word along the edge.

Abraham Lincoln Sailors, a namesake of the Civil War President, recently found an old brass coin at his home struck by the order of Governor Dix of New York in 1863. It is similar in size and weight to a French 1-franc piece, but it bears no identification of its denomination.

The Civil War piece has an American flag with twenty-five stars on one side inscribed. "The Flag of Our Union." On the reverse side is the inscription, "If Anybody Attempts to Tear It Down Shoot Him on the Spot."

Mr. Sailors said he did not know how long the coin had been in his possession.

Interesting Roman Coin

A large gilt-coin, bearing a figure of a woman on one side and the face of a Roman emperor on the other, has been unearthed

at Cærlon, in Wales. It is believed that the coin was part of a prize in a Roman chariot race.

New Coin for Collectors

The Press recently advised collectors to be on the lookout for new coins which the Vatican City has ordered struck off for the benefit of these collectors. All coins bear the date 1929, commemorating the pact signed by the city and the Italian government in that year. Various denominations bear the figure of Christ, Pope Pius XI, the Blessed Virgin, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Theresa, and others.

National Geographic Society Explains

In connection with the adoption of plans of the Vatican City for launching new money, a bulletin from the National Geographic Society recently told of the coinage of the world "dollar."

"The name, 'dollar,' according to the bulletin, which was applied to the American unit of money, "came from the silver coin invented and minted by the Count of Sschlick, at St. Joachimsthal, Bohemia, toward the end of the fifteenth century.

"Locally, this new coin was first called the Joachimsthaler. In Germany the name was shortened to 'thaler.'; and in England and the American colonies, 'dollar.'

IS PIECE OF EIGHT

"But, although the name came circuitously from a little town in Bohemia, the United States really got its monetary unit from Spain. The dollar is really a 'piece' of eight—the same glamorous piece of eight that played such an important role in pirate activities on the Spanish Main.

"In Spanish this signifies eight ræles. In English it is spoken of as eight 'bits.' A bit is twelve and a half cents. In the South and West it is still customary to say 'two

bits' and 'six bits.' So does the division of the pieces of eight of piratic days on the Spanish Main still survive.

"In 1794 the silver coins of the new nation began to appear—the half dime, half dollar and dollar. In 1795 came the half eagle and eagle in gold. The silver dime and quarter dollar appeared in 1796, as did the quarter eagle. The double eagle, however, was not struck for circulation until 1850.

"Of these the half dime has been displaced by the nickel 5-cent piece. The present 1-cent piece has been added and completes the metal currency as now in use.

COINS THAT FADED

"Other coins have been issued, maintained for a time and discontinued. A \$3 gold piece was minted from 1853 to 1890; a \$1 gold piece from 1849 to 1890; a trade silver dollar for use in China, that was heavier than the standard coin, from 1873 to 1887; a 3-cent silver piece from 1851 to 1873; a 3-cent nickel piece from 1865 to 1890. A 2-cent bronze piece, a big 1-cent copper, a 1-cent nickel piece and a ½-cent copper have each been minted for a time and abandoned.

"Mexico and most of the countries that were once a part of the Spanish Empire stamp their coins 'peso,' but they are commonly called 'dollars.' Canada, though a British dominion, uses a dollar which, at par, is of equal value with ours. China stamps 'dollar' on its coins and Japan has its comparative coin called a 'yen.'

"The old Spanish pieces of eight, named 'Spanish milled dollars' on the paper money of American Revolution days, have influenced the currency of a good part of the world, particularly of the regions that prefer silver."

\$200 for One Cent

J. D. Martin of Richmond, Va., has recently received a check for \$200 for an old copper coin. The Numismatic Company, Ft. Worth, Texas, was the purchaser.

500 B. C.

Wilbert C. Bishoff, Ottawa, Kan., has a marvelous coin collection, some dating back to 500 B. C., and made by the hammer and

punch method of long ago.

Millions in Circulation

If you are collecting Indian head one-cent pieces hoping to reap a fortune later, better stop now. According to the Treasury Department, one-cent pieces are worth only one-cent and never will be worth any more. Millions of these coins are still in circulation, according to that department.

New Design Proposed

As this issue of HOBBIES goes to press there is a bill before the house introduced by Randolph Perkins (R), Representative from New Jersey, proposing that the design of the current quarter dollar be re-designed to include the portrait of George Washington. Simon R. Fess (S.), Senator from Ohio, indicated his intention of introducing a similar one in the Senate.

The move to change the design on the quarter dollar was received with more official favor than usual because of dissatisfaction at the mint with the present design.

Official of the U. S. mint claim that the full-length figure of the "Goddess of Liberty" now adorning the obverse of the 25-cent coin is so detailed that it wear badly. The features of the design are soon obliterated, reducing the silver content of the coin and making it indistinct.

According to the present law the designs of coins cannot be changed oftener than once in 25 years without Congressional legislation.

Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, has given the Treasury's approval for the change and sent a letter to Sol Bloom (R.), Representative from New York and associate director of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, in which he said:

'As the new coins would replace the present type of quarter-dollar, the issue of the same would not be contrary to the objections set forth by the President in his veto message in connection with the issue of special commemorative coins.'

Most important in the drafting of the new bills was the proposal to use the new design to commemorate in 1932 the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth.

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ROMANO'S COIN SHOP

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Old Coins Stolen

Thieves recently broke into the Pernambuco, Brazil, State Museum and fled with a collection of silver coins. The money will be of little value to the robbers however unless they have a knowledge of the worth of old coins.

Michigan Display

A case of old coins and a frame of early American currency recently displayed in conjunction with the second annual exhibit of the Muskegon, Michigan Stamp Club, at-

tracted considerable attention.

The coins were loaned by Wallace Hume and include many of ancient time from the fourth century B. C. to the time of George III.

A large coin weighing nine ounces shows the two-faced God, Janus, for whom the month of January was named. A small one may be the same as the widows mite mentioned in the bible.

The early American currency was displayed by D. A. CanOort. This display consisted of four uncirculated copies of United States fractional currency, commonly known as "shin-plasters," issued during and shortly after the Civil War.

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Coin Notes

Contributed by SHERMAN CORBETT

The Lydians issued the first coins about 700 or 800 years before the Christian era. The Greeks were the next to adopt this mode of interchanging. Naturally the first issues were very crude.

The original coins of Greece were silver, while those of Asia Minor were gold. The earliest Roman coins were made of an alloy of copper. They were called "Ais" or "As". A piece called the Asgrave was not struck with the punch but cast. It has the Janus design on its obverse side and the prow of a ship with the numeral I on the other.

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The smallest coin in the world is the Chinese "Cash" about equal to the twelfth of a cent.

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The young lady who posed as the model for the "Goddess of Liberty" on the cart-wheel dollar was Anna Willes Williams. She was born in Philadelphia during the Civil War. Her mother was a daughter of Dr. Arthur H. Willes, a wealthy slave owner of Maryland.

Miss Williams posed for the design in 1876 but it was not until several years later that she became known to the public as the one who posed for the new dollar.

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Horse head coppers were coined by the state of New Jersey. In 1786 the New Jersey legislature authorized the sum of £10,000, to be used in the coining of these pieces. The coining was done under this act by private parties on a contract with the State. Three citizens named, Walter Mould, Thomas Goodsley and Allen Cox were the contractors.

The coinage was all accomplished in three years, and several varieties were issued. All bore an American shield and the motto, "E Pluribus Unum," on the obverse side, and the reverse bore the legend. "Nova Caearea," and a ploy surmounted by a horse head, thus the name, "Horsehead Coppers."

The denominations varied considerably in weight, the heaviest being 6 pennyweights and 17½ grams. The lightest were 4 pen-

nyweight and 18 grams. They went out of circulation many years ago, but are to be found in the cabinets of numismatists. Most of them were coined at Morristown.

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What is the "milling" on a coin? Probably not one person in five hundred would answer this simple question correctly. There is a popular belief that the corrugations on the run of a coin is the milling. The milling is the plain raised rim of a blank piece of money without reference to any corrugations anywhere.

The purpose of the milling is to protect the surface of the sides from wearing.

The milled blank is dropped into a stamping machine from which it comes out a perfect coin. While in this machine the piece is dropped into a corrugated collar where it is expanded, under great pressure, forcing the coin rim into the corrugations of the machine. This corrugates the rim of the coin similar to that of the machine.

These parallel notches or corrugations (generally called the milling) constitutes the reeding. The term is adopted from its architectural use to express a small convex moulding, especially when such mouldings are multiplied parallel to each other.

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The first English laws against counterfeiting were issued in 1108 by Henry I.

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The first American coins were made in England in 1612 for the Virginia Company.

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The first English gold coins were minted in 1257 in the forty-second year of Henry III.

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Over one thousand series of Greek coins, issued by independent cities are known to exist.

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The earliest of American coinage was made for the Virginia Company at the Bermudas. The coins were of brass, with a hogge on one side, in memory of the abundance of hogges that were found on the island at their first landing.

RARE COINS

The Lowell, Mass. Sun say this about rare coins:

"It is probable that the savings bank is the best investment for the smaller sums that one can lay by year by year, but there are great speculative possibilities in the accumulation of miscellaneous small coins of each year's vintage. One can never be sure in advance what issue will drop out of circulation so largely as to command a premium in the coin market. There is, for example, a dime of some year in the 1840's which is quite valuable, although dealers would not offer anything substantial over the face value for any other ten-cent piece of that decade. There is no reason for this that is known, since the issue of that year was not abnormally small.

"Recent pennies are not generally supposed to be rare, but a collector who wanted a complete series of this century had to wait two or three years before she could find one of the 1922 date. Strangely enough, on the very day that a friend who knew of her quest sent her one of these, she received another in change. The scarcity of the 1922 cent is not to be wondered at, since the coinage of that year was extremely light.

"A fairly good gamble is quarter-dollars of the present type. These, to be sure, are not likely ever to become rare, but clearly dated ones of the earlier years are already rather exceptional. For some reason the date on a quarter is usually worn off, even on those which are otherwise in good condition. Of course a coin which does not bear any date is absolutely worthless beyond its face value to collectors, except perhaps where a whole series has become very rare, but it seems probable that of the present type of quarters none will bear clear-cut dates 10 years after their issue except those which have early been withdrawn from circulation and hoarded by their owners. We are not aware that there is a premium now on even the first of these quarters, but it would not be surprising if perfect ones could be sold at more than their face value before many years have elapsed.

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NUMISMATICS



Kept Coins in Cans

Several cans of old coins were recently found in the home of the late Elihu Russell, of New York State. Russell has a hobby of collecting rare coins, and he had bequeathed his collection supposed to be valued at several thousand dollars to a local high school, with the provision that a burglar vault must be built to hold them. When only a comparatively few coins were found, supplementing those in the safe deposit box in the bank, it was suspected that others would be found hidden about the house, so a search was made.

Rare Collection of Gold Dollars

Arthur Brookins, of Maine, makes a specialty of collecting gold dollars and already has nearly 1200 different pieces in his possession. All are rare and interesting and among the several smaller collections which make up the lot is an assortment of eleven gold dollars, a coin no longer minted.

The issue of 1853 of California gold in octagon shape is one of the most interesting. He has two of these and one has eight stars. Another is the 1922 centennial of Grant's birth and portrays his birthplace. In 1903 a Jefferson head piece was issued for the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and this coin Mr. Brookins has secured for his collection. He also has the coin issued in 1915 for the Panama Exposition.

In addition he has the only two and a half dollar gold pieces minted, the Panama Pacific Exposition coin of 1915 and the Sesqui-Centennial of 1776-1826.

A Valued Gift

The Nevada State Historical Society has recently been the recipient of a valuable collection of German coins and rare documents of the Old World. In the group, are coins and currency issued by German cities

during the World War, as well as a variety of Postage Stamps of the war period.

Two coins of the period of the reign of Constantius the Great, emperor of Rome from 324 to 337 A. D. are also included, and a Roman coin found by recent excavations at Pompeii. There is likewise a piece of red tile from the city, and lava from Vesuvius which destroyed Pompeii in 79 A. D.

There are also Latin prayer books, bound in pigskin, bearing the dates 1585 and 1609. Tile from the floor of Hadrian's villa near Rome, and from the floor of a room in Julius Cæsar's home are included in the gift, and marble from an ancient Roman palace.

Leo Galitski, of Reno, who has traveled extensively abroad, personally collected the curios and donated them to the Society.

Orphan Annies

In the March number of *HOBBIES*, on page 65, you printed an article from the Lowell, Mass. Sun, on Rare Coins. An excerpt from this reads:

"There is for example a dime of some year in the 1840s which is quite valuable, although dealers would not offer anything substantial over the face value for any other ten-cent piece of that decade. There is no reason for this that is known, since the issue of that year was not abnormally small."

This evidently refers to the famous 1844 dime, popularly known as Orphan Annie. With a mintage of 72,500 the 1844 dime should be extremely plentiful but instead it is very scarce, in fact, rare. The cause of the premature disappearance of practically the entire issue is a mystery of numismatics. Several answers to the question "What became of the 1844 dimes?" have been offered, professional and legendary, but none have been accepted, as final as they all lack proof. It may be that they were re-melted at the mint; a common custom in the early days or improperly alloyed, making them "soft" and an easy prey for friction. It may be that they were lost in

a shipwreck. No one knows for a certainty. Should you happen to have one of these little orphans in your collection, you should treat the waif with great consideration, for the little stray is one of the anomalies of the coinage world.

—*Frank C. Ross, Mo.*

Hobby Founded Banking House

"Collectors' hobbies often lead to happy endings, says the *New York Sun*. For instance a hobby led to the founding of the great banking house of Rothschild. It all came about because as a little boy Meyer Amschel Rothschild had a passion for collecting odd coins. This was not unnatural, for his father was a money changer, and whenever some unusual piece of money came his way he saved it for the little boy. As the boy grew, his collection grew.

"Now it appears that in Frankfort where Meyer Amschel lived in the Ghetto, there lived also the great and pompous William of Hesse, Elector of Hanover. He was a collector of coins too. One day when the Elector could not find a certain old coin for his coffers, the son of the humble money lender, Meyer Amschel Rothschild had it. They began to trade coins. Slowly their mutual interest bridged the gap which separated the Ghetto from the palace, and before many years had passed Meyer Amschel became the trusted friend and financial adviser of the Elector of Hanover, and founded one of the greatest fortunes in the world. And it all began with a hobby."

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The Indian head was first placed on the American one-cent piece in 1859. This design was used until 1909 when it was discontinued and the portrait of Lincoln used instead.

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The English sovereign was first coined in 1626. Previous to that, the noble, value fifteen shillings was the most valuable British coin.

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The first English shilling was minted in 1503.

The first postal cards were printed in October, 1869.

The Confederate silver half dollar is reckoned as one of the rarest of American coins. It bears the date of 1861 and was struck at the mint at New Orleans.

It has the Goddess of Liberty on one side and a stalk of cane, one of cotton, and the stars and bars of the Confederacy in a coat of arms on the other side.

Various Denominations

Elmer Wright, of Illinois, possesses many fine old specimens of paper money, including bills issued by the Republic of Texas in 1839; various denominations of the famous Continental currency and Confederate bills.

A Massachusetts Collection

Arthur L. Hutchinson, Mass., is the possessor of several United States coins that are of unusual interest. He has two twenty-five cent gold pieces, and two fifty cent gold pieces, one round and the other octagonal. He picked up these four gold pieces many years ago in Texas and brought them home with him.

He also has a collection of the old fashioned United States pennies or coppers as they were called. They are about the size of the present half dollar, and range in date from 1798 to 1854. They are arranged in a glass frame so that both sides are visible. He also has some small pennies that were issued by individuals after the close of the Civil War. One of these coins reads, "City Fruit Store, No. 4 Weybosset, street, Providence, R. I. One cent. Redeemed by Phillips." The other has similar inscriptions. Another one reads, "The Federal Union. It must and shall be preserved.—Army & Navy."

Mr. Hutchinson also has two half-pennies which are dated 1804 and 1806.

Get Ready

Numismatists throughout the country and their friends are preparing for the national convention and exhibit which is to be held in Cincinnati during the latter part of August.

New Hampshire Man Owns Rare Lot
of Gold Coins

Fred B. Clough of New Hampshire, has thirteen \$3 gold pieces coined between the dates of 1854 and 1878. Moreover, he has a group of the rare and valuable California gold dollars, octagon in shape, and several Alaskan gold dollars, bearing the words "Too Wah" on the back and the legend, "Alaskan Gold Dollar," on the front.

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The Curious and Rare

Railway, Bus Tram, Ferry and Bridge, Transportation Tokens

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

The current transportation tokens or metal checks issued by transportation lines are most popular in alloys of aluminum, white metal, iron, bronze, copper and brass; some are made of vulcanite of various colors, and occasionally, some in celluloid. The majority of tokens in use today range from the size of a dime to that of a five cent piece, while a few are slightly under the size of a quarter. The varieties of transportation tokens are readily distinguished. Some are slightly ornate, but the tendency is for plain designs, consisting usually of an initial letter of the town or state, or of the company's name. Usually in some instances the fligreed initial or design is worked in the center of the token.

Tokens usually have the marking "one full fare," although some have only "adult." Some have been specifically issued for school children, students, officials, workmen, and so forth, and are marked "half fare" "school" or similar appropriate wording. Both domestic and foreign tokens may have various shapes such as square, octagonal, round and even oval. Only a few tokens bear the date in recent years rendering many tokens obsolete, so we may expect these to be in demand later as are the earlier issues of transportation tokens.

Early Transportation Tokens

Tokens for transportation fares are believed to have been first issued under a "Train Patent" in Great Britain, with a general issue to all towns and cities in which the system was in operation. At first the tokens did not show the name of the towns, but at a later date this was included. Birkenhead and Darlington, England were two of these. Tokens have been used for ferry boats, such as one having obverse "Port Clarence and reverse "Ferry Token."

These are said to have been used on an old ferry boat carrying passengers across the River Tees at Port Clarence (England). Another ferry token of brass, with obverse "Middlesbough" (England) and reverse "Ferry Tokens," has a small hole in center.

An old bronze token from Frankfort, Germany, depicts on the obverse an ancient type of omnibus. A black vulcanite tram token was used in Buenos Aires, Argentina, many years ago.

Several years ago a curious token was issued in Great Britain. It bore the name "John M. Robinson, Perth Road and Meadowsides" with 2d in center on the obverse and on the reverse "Town Omnibus." Many of the old British tokens are of many colors and hues and because of their scarcity are valuable and rare. A red vulcanite transportation token from England issued by the Newcastle Corporation tramways depicts an embossed coat of arms, with two sea horses holding same on its reverse side, and on the and reverse "T. N."

Many of our soldiers who were in France during the world war will recall the "Tramways LeRochelle (France) 10 centime token, which was aluminum and square in design. Another token of similar style but of white metal has on its obverse "Tramway-10C" and reverse "T. N." in ovals, also "10C."

American Tokens

I am reminded of the phrase "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, "This is my own, my native land." And to an American the tokens of his own country take pre-eminence; so I shall enumerate some of those which I think will be of special interest, because of their rarity and historical significance.

A white metal token issued by the New

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COIN NOTES

By M. SORENSEN

For a privately minted \$5 gold piece issued in California in 1849, during the gold fever period, \$7,900 was paid last summer at the sale of a coin collection in New York. That established a record price for a coin at auction. The highest previous price was \$6,000, paid at an auction in Europe.

The purchaser was Henry Chapman, a Philadelphia dealer, acting for a private collector, whose name was not divulged. The coin was minted by the Massachusetts and California Company, and is one of our scarcest gold coins of private coinage.

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The first mint in the new world, called America, was established in Mexico City. Later other mints were set up in Central and South America, and it was at these that the great amount of silver, found in those countries, was coined into the celebrated "piece of eight," the big silver peso, which quickly found popular favor, and was even current money in the United States until 1858.

An American, traveling in South America, tells in "The National Geographic Magazine" for February, 1929, of seeing an old wooden coining press, still preserved at Potosi, Bolivia, thus:

"Potosi is one of the most famous silver mining towns in the world. It is situated about 13,000 feet above the sea, at the foot of the fabulously rich Cerro de Potosi. Houses here are of the old Spanish colonial type, with quaint balconies and barred windows. Streets are narrow and plazas are spacious. Here I found a masterpiece of old Spanish wooden machinery in the form of a minting machine. The dies for stamping the money have been carried away. Were they replaced, this crude but stout machine would perhaps run as well as it did when it was made, 350 years ago. There are no nails in it. It is made of hard wood, fastened together with rawhide and wooden pins, its timbers having been carried all the way up from northern Argentina."

A presidential medal has been issued for Hoover. This is the 30th of the series of presidential medals which are made and issued by the United States mint. It bears the portrait of President Hoover on the front, as the 30th President, with the date of his inauguration on the back. The medal is made of bronze and sells to the public for \$1, which is its value in United States currency. Besides the inauguration date, the medal on the back bears the following: ENGINEER—SCHOLAR—STATESMAN—HUMANIST.

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Here is a story that has been going the rounds in the papers, and I leave it to the reader to decide for himself about its correctness:

John P. Christiansen, Seattle, Wash., visited Denmark last summer, and in the window of a second-hand store saw an old American 25 cent piece from 1823. He bought the coin for 5 kroner, which he thought was a good price, but has now sold this same coin to a collector in Illinois for \$1,000. This time he thought he had made a good deal, but now it turns out that the coin is worth much more. Experts who have examined this coin claim that there were only three known coins of that date before, and these had all been in circulation, while the newly found one is as fine as when it came from the mint.

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A Bit About Chinese Money

The commonest of all Chinese moneys, are the coins known as "cash." Each is a round metal disc, with a square hole in the middle so that they may be put on a string. Their sizes run from $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch across the smallest part to that width where four or five together in a pile require the strength of a man to transport them from one place to another. The majority in use have small monetary value, the value of five to ten of them being a daily wage for the worker and when one stops at an auction room in San Francisco, and buys in a sword decorated with some 2,350 such coins and pays but 80 cents for the sword, just figure it out for yourselves what the workman earns per day.—*H. M. C.*

For One's Nosey Friends

Some time ago a "Mind Your Own Business" penny minted in 1787 under authority of the continental congress, was found by Frank Gervaso, Conn., in an accumulation or rubbish.

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How Did It Get There?

Not long ago, Sergeant Raymond C. Waits of the Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, found an odd penny in Hawaii on the beach between Barbers Point and Nanakuli. Partially buried under a stone he noted a tarnished piece of copper. He took it home and soaked it in kerosene. After considerable soaking and polishing the disk resolved itself into a coin. On the obverse was the portrait of a distinguished appearing gentleman, "Gvlielmvs Tertivs." On the reverse was represented an armed woman. The date was "Brittainia, 1699."

This aroused the question, how did this copper penny of the time of William III find its way to a sandy beach at the west end of Oahu, a central island of the Hawaiian group? The specimen was turned over to the Bishop Museum for preservation.

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Science Aids

According to Popular Science Monthly, scientists digging up remains of Roman civilization in England have been aided by a radio device that detects buried metals. When it is carried over the ground, buried metal objects cause a disturbance registered on an electric meter. This instrument is said to detect the presence of a single coin.

Find Ancient Gold Money Rings on Isle

Stockholm—Ancient gold rings from the Viking days, weighing 350 grams (twelve ounces) have been found in a field at Harvor, on the Swedish island of Gothland in the Baltic sea. They are shaped like small spirals and were used at a time when no currency existed.—E. B.

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Bedford and Onset Street Railway Company of New Bedford, Mass., depicts on each side an old type of short street car with trolley. An early Boston token of nickel, and about the size of a dime with obverse "East Boston 1837" and reverse "Maverick Coach 1837" is listed by Low as, No. 116 in his book of hard times tokens. It is listed ordinarily by some at \$5. and the same thing in silver can be had for \$25. Another token issued about the same time which is about the size of a dime is decorated with the "Roxbury-Coaches" on one side and the "New Line-1837" on the other. It is listed by Low as No. 129 in his book of hard times tokens. New York tokens include "3rd Ave. R.R. to Cable Line" and "One Going West" as well as several other varieties. Another reads "Harlem" and depicts an omnibus. Another is "Marshalls and Townsend" in pewter. Another early transportation token from the Empire State is an octagonal piece of Fechtwanges metal. Later it became known as nickel of "The New York and Harlem Railway Company made by Bale and Smith." It is said to have been issued between 1837 and 1845. Other New York Transportation Tokens are "100 street line," "Peoples Omnibus Line" of oval shape in German silver, "Chelsea Line, Kipp, Brown & Co. Still another is "Telegraph Line of Tyson

& Co., in several varieties. An old white metal token has on its obverse only the wording "Cream City Railroad—1—fare."

An interesting and very odd aluminum token having the appearance of a balloon tire, but slightly flattened on one side for wording "Municipal Traction Co. on its obverse and reverse "3 cent ticket—1908."

An old metal token marked on its obverse, "Lewiston & Auburn Street Ry. Co." on its reverse depicts a horse drawn street car, with the wording "Good for one Fare." A similar token used years ago with the same reverse by Citizens Railway Co. of Decatur, Illinois" is now obsolete, but curious and interesting. A black vulcanite token with obverse Phila City R. W. Co.—W. W. Colket, Sec'y." and reverse "Via Chestnut & Walnut Sts., Phila." Another red vulcanite token with obverse "Austin City R. B. Co." and reverse "Good for one fare." Over forty years ago, probably before 1890, a token of black vulcanite was issued by the North Chicago (Illinois) City R. W. Co., with H. W. Towner, Treas'r" on its obverse and "Good for One Fare" on its reverse.

An old token of blue vulcanite with obverse "St. Paul Railway Co. City and on reverse "One Fare." Red celluloid bus tokens are still in use at Lancaster, Ohio. A large token from Central America of white metal the size of a quarter has on its obverse "Costa Rica Railway—C. R." on its reverse 50 centayos. The Halifax Steamboat Co. of the town of Darmouth, Nova Scotia issued a ferry token depicting a three masted sailing vessel on the obverse and on the reverse has words "Ferry Tokens." The company was taken over about 1890 by Darmouth Ferry Commission.

Recent Transportation Tokens

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The many transportation tokens issued in recent years, were in all probability, adapted for the convenience of making change, as the companies sold them 2 for 25 cents, 2 for 15 cents, 3 for 25 cents, 4 for 30 cents, 7 for 50 cents, 15 for \$1.00, and so forth for the full fare tokens. Some companies issue school or half fare tokens which they generally sell in proportion. Transportation tokens, of current types, although not legal tender, are known to have been accepted in lieu of money for commodities. Therefore, the writer believes they have or should have a recognized standing in the Numismatist's collection.

Honolulu, Hawaii, not to be outdone by the cities of the U. S. issues a transportation token about the size of a dime with obverse "Honolulu Rapid Transit Co. Ltd. 1924" and reverse "Good for one full fare." To date no transportation tokens have been found which have been issued by railroads in the state of Maine. A token issued by the Indianapolis Street Ry Co., depicts on its obverse a monument whose original is located in one of the public squares in that Indiana City. There are now many bus companies who issue bus tokens, one of which is "American Coach Lines, Inc. A Modern Motor Coach is depicted on both sides of the token. A street car token of the Public Service Coordinated Transport of Newark, N. J. depicts a modern street car on both sides.

The London (England) council Tramways department has issued transportation tokens to the Post Office department, various large firms and other organization for use of their employees, and a special variety of token is used by the staff of the department. These tokens (nine varieties) are of celluloid or composition discs having a diameter of less than an inch and of different colors and values as follows:—Public:—1-2d blue, 1-2d green, 1d red, 1d yellow 2d chocolate. Staff:— 1-2 blue, 1d white, 2d chocolate—all perforated. Special Constables:—1-2d black perforated (used during the World War and now obsolete).

Some companies issued tokens type faces' of a dime or some other even amount was adopted. The collectors who have the tokens issued before the even fare was adopted prize them very highly for they are practically unobtainable today. A few cities

where tokens are now obsolete are Detroit, Mich.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Quincy, Ill.; Hannibal, Mo.; Arkansas City, Ark.; Muskegon, Mich.; Watertown, Wis.; Decatur, Ill.; Boston, Mass., etc. Tokens stray or wander away, possibly through absent minded tourists who unintentionally advertise the token's home city all over the world, especially so among employees of the transportation companies, who find them jingling in the motorman's coin boxes, often thousands of miles from home. One company reports 6.5 per cent disappearing from circulation annually. Hundreds of communities in the United States alone issue transportation tokens, so a novice collector may start at home, and as he desires obtain specimens from nearby cities, and later those from remote communities.

Other Tokens

Other types such as Civil War tokens, or so called cent pieces are collected by many. They represent an interesting historical period of our country, and should receive the special attention of all American token collectors. They are usually of copper and generally about the size of a U. S. cent of the current series. There are a few of the nickel size, which were issued by merchants in great numbers and varieties, and which passed for a cent during the Civil War period. Many of these are curious for they bear the name or advertisement of an individual or the business concerns, and some the name of the city or state in which they were issued. The "Hard Times Tokens" or "Jackson cents" were issued about 1832, 1834 to 1837 and a few in 1841 because of financial panic. They are also interesting for they contain a variety of satirical remarks and designs against the U. S. Bank, a political issue of that day. The mottoes of many, equal in audacity, those of a rabble parade. Merchants cards of the period between 1833 and 1844 are of like interest to hard time token collectors. Political cards in metal and the old metal store cards make both interesting and curious collections, all depict or tell simply something about the history of their day.

I hope that this little chat on transportation tokens will give the seasoned collector, as well as the beginner, some new ideas for the token field, and create added interest and study.

In Out of the Way Places

When the Roosevelt brothers, Theodore and Kermit, made a journey through little known parts of Asia, this is what they had to say about the currency question in one of those out of the way countries:

“Finances caused the usual difficulty. Yunnanese half-dollars were readily accepted in the town, but twenty-cent pieces were not. The currency in general use was what was known as the Tibetan rupee; occasionally an old ‘John Company,’ rupee turned up.

“A simple method was in vogue for making eight-anna pieces; the rupee was merely clipped in two bits. Shanghai dollars and silver ingots were also in circulation; the latter varied slightly, but were worth roughly fourteen rupees. Copper cash and two hundred cash pieces were used for small purchases.

“As may be imagined prices and methods of calculating them varied greatly, but it was still more difficult when leaving this polyglot center to discover what coins would be acceptable in the smaller towns, where cosmopolitanism was not so far advanced.”—M. S.

Norwegian Coins

At an auction sale not long ago in Copenhagen, Denmark, were sold several scarce and valuable coins, which had belonged to the former museum inspector, P. Hanberg. Among the coins was a Norwegian silver mark from 1520, showing on one side St. Olav on the throne, his feet resting on the heathen dragon, which he exterminated and spread Christianity over the country—“with the sword,” if he need be. Men and methods were hardhanded in those days. On the other side is shown the bishopric coat of arms of Trondhjem and the family ceator arms of arch-bishop Olav Engelbrektson.

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Removing the Superstition

Thomas Jefferson has been called upon to remove the superstition that has hovered over the \$2 bill for some time. His portrait appears on the new currency of that denomination and on the back of it is a picture of Monticello, his Virginia home after he retired from public life.

Superstitions are hard to kill, but if anybody can do it, Jefferson can. Some years ago a portrait of the great democrat appeared on the \$2 bill. Later a picture of William Windom was substituted. An enterprising and skillful engraver made a counterfeit of this bill that was so successful that the government ceased printing it. Few counterfeits of small bills are attempted.

There never was any excuse for the belief that the \$2 bill was unlucky. Some race track tout started the story and it spread. It was taken up by baseball players and finally the public in general accepted it. For years the bill has not been in general circulation, but it is a useful denomination.—M. S.

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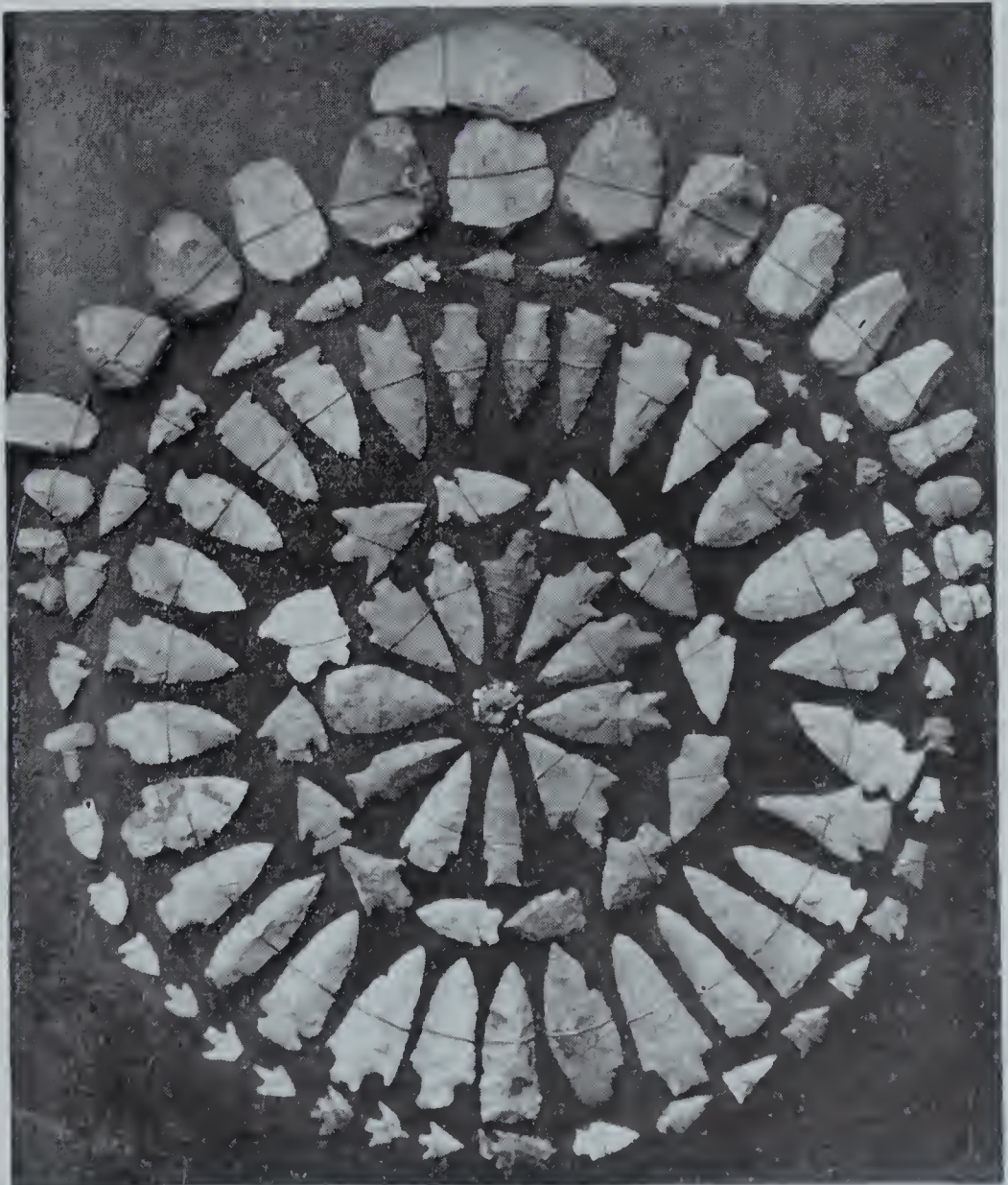
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NUMISMATICS



Penny Collector Champion

Madison B. Kennedy of Hubbard Woods, Ill., has gained the penny collector champion cognomen of the United States.

Mr. Kennedy has a collection of pennies dating from 1793, when they were first coined, up to date. The only ones missing, he says are the 1799 penny, which is worth \$50, and the 1804, one of which recently sold for \$2,500.

His collection, he believes, surpasses that of Arthur C. Kelly of Danver, Mass., who recently claimed the championship with a collection running from 1800 to 1927 which had only eleven years missing.

When You're Gardening

When you're planting that bed of Asters or Sweet Peas or hoeing the onion bed you may have unexpected good luck.

Mrs. Theresa A. Mazzilli of Plymouth, Mass., recently displayed a coin which, local antiquarians predict, will take its place among the most valuable of treasures. Mrs. Mazzilli recently dug it from the earth. Dated 1652, the coin is said to be the first mintage authorized by the Massachusetts colony. It has a face value of only six pence, and bears an oak tree in bas relief.

Local records show that the first mint in this country was authorized by the General Court at Boston in 1652, thirty-two years after Plymouth was settled.

Superstition Is Costly to Uncle Sam

Whoever started the superstition about the \$2 bill was the originator of a big expense for Uncle Sam.

The belief that the \$2 bill is unlucky persists, along with the opinion that the baneful influence may be removed by tearing off one corner of the bill.

W. O. Woods, treasurer of the United States, said recently that a large percentage of the \$2 bills returned to the treasury had the corners neatly removed and that all such currency was destroyed.

It costs the government approximately one cent to replace them with new bills.

Save 40,000 Pennies; Buy a Car

A little more than six years ago Clarence and George Koerner, newsboys, began collecting Indian head pennies. It is said that they made the first payment on an automobile with 40,000 of them.

Would you have envied the cashier his job of counting them?

Rare Coin Dug up in Palestine

During the middle part of May, a silver shekel, the kind of coin said to have been paid to Judas for betraying Christ was photographed at the National Geographical Society headquarters in Washington.

This latest acquired rarity of the National Geographical Museum, the smooth-edged shekel, slightly smaller than a quarter, with a sacred vessel on one side and a flower device on the other, created a stir among scientists.

So rare is the piece that the Smithsonian Institution with its great collection of coins, has but a half dozen.

The coin was brought to this country as a gift of F. Vetser, on behalf of the American colony at Jerusalem.

The coin was found with others in a clay urn by a workman digging for the foundation of a new building in Palestine. The theory was advanced that the sacred vessel upon it was possibly a pot of manna and the flower device a representation of the budding of Aaron's rod.

Good Find

Among the stories recalled to mind since the spring plowing season got under way a few weeks ago is that of a truck farmer who a season or so ago, plowed his way into an old-fashioned bean pot which contained \$15,000 in gold, silver and copper coins, none of which had been minted later than 1861. His find, it is reported, was kept secret until he appeared at the Federal building in Chicago to inquire of the Internal Revenue Bureau, if his treasure is subject to a Federal income tax. He was advised that his discovery was tax free.

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Such reproductions are forbidden and the government will go to considerable lengths to stop them. Some years ago a large billboard in Chicago, at least fifty feet wide, on one of the prominent boulevards contained an illustration including a number of United States bills. These of course were of gigantic size but the authorities decided that even though they were large and painted by hand and, therefore, not exact reproductions of the bills themselves, the law was being violated and the objectionable matter was removed.

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Another Find

While leveling the land about his home, George Sutton, owner of the adobe house erected two miles north of Red Bluff, Calif., in 1849 by William Ide, first, last and the only president of the California Republic, found a \$10 gold piece dated 1852. On one side of the coin is the American eagle and shield, and the words: State California, Gold. Ten D. On the other side appears the Goddess of Liberty, W. M. & Co., and the date, 1852. The coin was minted by Wass, Moliter & Co., one of the sixteen firms, who struck gold coins and thus created a local currency out of the gold dust from the mines.—M. S.

Platinum Coinage

About 100 years ago Russia tried platinum coinage. By 1845 the Russian mint had struck off 1,400,000 platinum coins. But the market cost of the metal fluctuated so much that the practice was abandoned. Besides, the hardness of the metal gave the mint great difficulties. It has been hinted that if the Soviet government produces more platinum than it can profitably market, the treasury may store it away as a reserve for paper money in the same way gold and silver bullion deposited in the treasury backs up American paper money.—M. S.

History

On the medal struck to commemorate the coming Massachusetts Bay centenary the "sacred cod" occupies the reverse in bas-relief. It is the latest earnest tribute to the "tutelary genius" of the Old Colony, faithfully rendering his keen and candid eye, round fins and the delicate barrel descending from his chin. His mouth is slightly open, but instead of the insatiable expression favored by ischyology the designer has given the fish the more genial expression of a dog, greeting its master.

One of the earliest American newspapers, the Salem Gazette, adopted the cod in its crest. Revenue stamps of the Colony in 1755 and currency in the Revolutionary years of 1776 and 1778 bore its image in sign of good faith and worth.—M. S.

In a Most Unexpected Place

Unusual coins, as all numismatists know, are often found when least expected.

While Harry Hudson and D. D. Hooper, Missouri, were counting and putting into rolls a large pile of pennies at a local drug store they discovered a two cent piece of the vintage of 1865, mixed in among the pennies. This penny is larger than a nickel. No one seems to know how it came into the penny pile. The coin is not rare, however, and has a catalog worth of approximately 10 cents.

Get Out the Old Stocking

"Coin collecting," write Frank Ross of Kansas City, Mo., is the soundest, basically, of all collecting hobbies, (always cashable at face value regardless) but it is the least publicized. It has the most devotees, but the collections are all "stockinged" away in bureau drawers. Safety first perhaps! No one would "walk" away with a cane or get "stuck" on a postage stamp, but he might be tempted to "palm" a coin.

A big coin dealer, I believe it was Max Mehl, once stated that there were only about 5,000 active coin collectors in the United States, meaning 5,000 that made collecting their business. It might be added now that there are 5,000,000 others who make coin collecting a hobby. These two classes might be called the Elites and the Delights. An Elite wants to *learn* about coins he doesn't have; a Delight wants to read about coins he has. The Elite is interested in a serial number of a \$5 bill issued in 1830 by some defunct country bank, a bill that he will never see; while a Delight is tickled to death to read about a centless nickel, an initialed Lincoln penny, or something else that he possibly possesses.

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The stamp collectors have placed the stamp album on the center table alongside of the photo album; it is up to you coin lovers to hang the "coin stocking" in front of the fireplace.

Papal Coinage

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

The new 10,000,000 sets of nine varieties of the Papal Coinage issued by the Vatican City and engraver Professor Mistruzzi have now been released. The Vatican City government plans to sell them at a sentimental price of more than double their nominal face value of about 119 lire for the nine varieties plus postage charges.

It is reported that orders will be filled in order of the dates when order is received, and if there should be insufficient coins to go around remittance will be returned.

These are issued in 5c in copper, about the size of a dime; 10c in copper, about the size of a nickel; 20c in nickel, about the size of a cent; 50c in nickel, smaller than a quarter; 1 lire in nickel, larger than a quarter; 2 lire in nickel, smaller than a half-dollar; 5 lire in silver, larger than a nickel; 10 lire of silver, larger than a quarter; 100 lire in gold, size of a \$5 gold piece.

These were first issued and delivered to the Pope by Mussoline's mint, but they had a small R, which is the mark of the royal mint and this lot was rejected and whole batch was melted and the new model

made. The previous issue of papal coins was last issued in 1870 by Pius XI.

Questionnaire

To test your observation acumen! Hundreds of Lincoln pennies have passed through your hands and under your close and careful scrutiny. How many of the following questions can you answer:

Does Lincoln face to the right or the left?

Has he a beard?

Is the date of the coin under the bust of Lincoln?

Does it contain the motto "In God We Trust?"

Is "E Pluribus Unum" in large or almost indistinct lettering?

Does "E Pluribus Unum" occur at the top, side or bottom of coin?

Is "America" in United States of America spelled out or is it abbreviated Amer.?

Does it read one cent or 1 cent?

Do the two parts of the wreath meet?

Is "Liberty" on the same side of coin as Lincoln?

HOW MANY STARS ARE THERE AND ON WHICH SIDE OF COIN?

—Sent in by Frank Ross, Mo.

Old Coin Found

Workmen spreading loam in Oak Bluffs, Mass., recently found an old copper coin dated 1753. Of English coinage, no value is indicated, but it is presumed to be a penny. The obverse side bears a raised bust with the inscription: "Georgius II Rex." The reverse bears the figure of Britannia, with the word and date. Town Clerk John Miller obtained the coin from the finder.

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A Numismatist Looks at History

By ORBRA E. KING

EVERY schoolboy has read Hawthorne's interesting story of Captain Hull and the Pine Tree Shillings. The Massachusetts colony was in need of a medium of exchange since all coins were scarce in the settlement. They decided to coin some money of their own in the form of shillings. Captain Hull was given the monopoly of their manufacture. For his pains he was to keep one of each twenty coined. The result was a flood of the bright new Pine Tree shillings coined—and incidently the worthy Captain became quite rich. A romantic vein is added to the story when the Captain's daughter marries young Sewall and the Captain puts her on one end of a balance scale and heaps the other side with the shillings until it exactly balanced the buxom lass. Not every wife is worth her weight in silver!!!

The Pine Tree shillings continued to be coined for more than thirty years, yet all bore the date, 1652. This was because the British Government had ordered their coinage discontinued when they first appeared. By using the same date the colonists hoped to hide the fact that the coins were new. These coins today are among the most interesting of all colonial coins.

The story of the Pine Tree Shillings has always possessed a certain fascination for the historian. The coins are found illustrated in most textbooks. Yet they are no more interesting than many other coins and tokens that have been issued during our history. Coins, with their legends, symbolical designs, and portraits of famous people perpetuate history as few other relics do. They are the most nearly universal relic of past ages. The study of coins is one of the most fertile fields of historical research for ancient and medieval history. They crystalize the customs and beliefs of bygone civilizations.

While the study of American history does not require the witness of these mute tokens to tell us the story of the past yet their study throws interesting light on many half-forgotten episodes of the past. They give reality to dry-as-dust facts.

One of the earliest coins to be issued by English colonists in America was the famous Bermuda "hogge" money—so-called because on one side they bore the figure of a hog. The Bermudas were colonized from Virginia in 1612. In 1616 they obtained the right to coin some money for the purposes of trade. Captain John Smith, of whom everyone has heard, has this to say in describing the coins:—"besides meat and drink they had for a time a certain kind of brass money, with a hogge on one side, in memory of the number of hogges found on the island." The hogs may have been plentiful but the coins certainly were not for a single specimen recently sold for \$120.

Many of the colonists issued cents during that period before the Revolution. Most of the coins of the rarer metals were either English or Spanish. In fact we got the idea of the dollar as our unit of value from the Spanish dollars then in circulation. The Spanish dollars were often cut into halves, quarters, and even smaller pieces to provide for small change. This was a good opportunity for rogues to slice a little piece off each one and sell the silver. This became so prevalent that it was a nuisance. Seldom, indeed, would four quarters make a dollar!

The Revolutionary period produced few coins but was prolific in paper money. So many of the Continental currency bills issued that the phrase—"not worth a Continental" became a current slang phrase. In fact to this date genuine Continental bills may be purchased for a few cents.

Though the Articles of Confederation gave Congress the right to coin money yet little was done toward establishing a national monetary system until the coming of the Constitution. Benjamin Franklin devised the Fugio Cent of 1787 which bore on one side an unbroken chain of 13 links—representing the states—and on the other a sundial and this rather pertinent bit of advice: "Mind Your Own Business." There were also some cents put out bearing the portrait of General Washington. Many of the states issued coins at this time. Kentucky

issued a very interesting one having on one side a pyramid of 15 stars with the one representing Kentucky forming the apex.

The first national mint was established at Philadelphia in 1792 and the coinage began the next year. The first year only cents and half-cents were coined. The next year silver coins were made. The cents coined were the large cents that were once the bane of the shopper. Why they were made so large has never been explained. It seemed that the people must have wanted a cent worth of copper. However they were very convenient to pelt unpopular actors or speakers on the stage—as is recounted in many contemporary news accounts.

The story of the struggle over the old U. S. Bank retains its interest for us largely because of the personalities of the oppos-

ing leaders. Jackson, the sturdy old soldier, strove to demolish it as an enemy of the common man. Clay, the stately old aristocrat, defended it with all the eloquence and fire of a Demosthenes, as the common safeguard of all property. The struggle got into the field of numismatics since each party issued tokens for his side. These were the size of large cents and, owing to the scarcity of money, passed as such. These tokens were called "Hard Times" tokens or Jackson Cents. The designs upon the tokens were bitterly partisan and ridiculed the opposing party. Especially the ones attracting Jackson were bitter.

One of them showed Jackson with safe and money bags and the words "I take the Responsibility; the Constitution as I understand it," another shows a phoenix rising from the ashes and the legend "Substitute for Shinplasters" "Specie payments Suspended," there are many others equally as interesting. However bitter the political fights of the present day they had nothing on our forefathers.

Strange to say, the anti-slavery struggle produced few tokens to remind one of the colossal fight waged. A few were issued however. The most interesting ones were put out by a Boston anti-slavery society and consisted of a pair. One is the kneeling figure of a nude female slave in chains and with this legend around the edge: "Am I Not a Woman and a Sister" Its mate shows a male slave in the same posture and the words: "Am I Not a Man and a Brother?" On the opposite side is the legend: "May Slavery and Oppression Cease Throughout the World," and the clasped hands of a negro and a white man.

The Civil War again brought on an occasion for issuing more tokens because of the increased need for money and also, when peoples passions are inflamed it is a time when patriotic mottoes and sayings find their widest appeal. Many merchants all over the country issued tokens or cents with patriotic mottoes such as: "The Flag of Our Country—If Anyone Attempt to Tear It Down Shoot Him on the Spot." Another says, "No Compromise with Traitors," "The Union Must and Shall Be Preserved." Many of them bore photos of great presidents including Lincoln. Another kind of money issued at this time was the fractional currency, vulgarly known as "Shin-

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plasters" which were in the denominations of 5, 10, 15, 25, ad 50c. Still all of this did not fill the need for money and certain merchants put ordinary postage stamps in brass cases and certain merchants put ordinary postage stamps in brass cases and covered the face with mica. On the backs were placed the advertisements of the dealers who put them out. These circulated as money. This is the most interesting medium of exchange ever used in this country remarkable for its freakish moneys. How odd it would seem to go into a store and purchase a nickel's worth of candy with a 5c postage stamp which had on its back the advertisement: "Take Ayres Cathartic Pills"—advice which it might be well to follow after eating the candy.

One of the most interesting coins ever put out by the American Government is the "Trade Dollar" which was issued from 1873 to 1883. This dollar, somewhat larger than the ordinary dollar but worth less, was not issued for circulation in the United States. From the time of the opening of the Orient to trade there had been a need for a medium of exchange there. The need was being supplied by the use of Mexican silver dollars. Enterprising American traders thought it would be well for the United States to issue a dollar to take the place of it in commerce and at the same time get rid of some of the surplus silver in the country. The idea was accepted in Congress and they issued 36,000,000 of them during a period of ten years. Now the dollars were somewhat larger than the Mexican coins but were actually worth 7 per cent less. The American traders expected them to be in great demand because of their size. It did not take long for the canny Orientals to find this out and they soon made the coins taboo. The merchants finding no use for them over there began dumping them back into the United States. Naturally the home merchants and bankers raised a howl and Congress was forced to redeem them. They are the only U. S. coins ever legally "called in." They are not now legal tender.

Nothing has been said about political tokens since they form a field in themselves but there is one exception that may be made. During the campaign of 1896 the question of free silver was the chief issue. Bryan's platform promised free coinage of

silver in the ratio of 16 to 1. The Republican party put out some "Bryan Dollars" ridiculing his ideas. Many of them are extremely interesting. As an example one might mention one as follows: "United Snakes of America" Rx "Billy Bryan's One Dam Free Silver" has Donkey-headed goose. Or one with head of Bryan and motto "In God We Trust—For The Other 47 Cents." These were all much larger than the ordinary silver dollar to show how large they must be to come up to the value of gold. All in all they were an effective means of campaign.

Another fascinating lot of American coins are the Commemorative half-dollars that have been issued since 1892. Beginning with the Columbian half-dollar of that year and coming on down to the present day these coins commemorate many of the outstanding events of our history. However their issue had gotten to be merely a money making scheme and they were issued on the slightest excuse. It is to be hoped that a stop has now been put to that by President Hoover's spirited denunciation of the whole idea in his veto of the proposed Gadsen Purchase issue.

This article merely scratches the surface of American Numismatic history. Books have been written on single phases of the subject. But it is hoped that some of the important points have been touched and that the reader has gained a few sidelights on the subject that will make him desire to learn something more of a fascinating subject.

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Odd Collection of Old Currency Found in Boston

An odd collection of currency and things having to do with currency has come to light in Boston. The pieces are thought to have been assembled as samples of engraving, for they were found in the effects of a workman of John Hudson Elwell, bookplate engraver, on Bromfield Street, says *The Boston Transcript*. It is a miscellaneous sheaf of papers, ranging in size from a piece the size of four postage stamps to large proofsheets of pre-Revolutionary bills of credit.

Very little is known as to the circumstances which led to the collection. By much searching at such a place as the Athenaeum, it is possible to discover some lore of United States and colonial currency, though it does not completely place these plates.

As brief introduction, one authority says that paper currency was first issued in this country by the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1690 to pay off the soldiers who had joined the Canadian expedition for what booty they could collect. They collected none, so the colony attempted to repay them with notes which should be good for merchandise, but not serve as legal tender. The intention was good, but it was soon found that the notes would not always be accepted for full value, in fact very quickly were almost worthless.

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The Cincinnati Numismatic Association, the Baby Corporate Member of the American Numismatic Association will be host to the Annual American Numismatic Association Convention in Cincinnati, August 29 to September 3. HOBBIES, as announced in the June issue, plans to co-operate by featuring numismatics in the August issue, and by having representatives at the convention. Numismatists are especially invited to share in this special number.

Largest Coin in World

The largest coin in the world was recently scheduled for sale by auction in London.

It is a Swedish four daler piece, weighing 6½ pounds. It is ten inches square. The coin, with an original value of about \$3, was struck in copper in 1731, when gold and silver were almost unobtainable.

The largest British coin is the silver pound piece of Charles I. It is about two inches across.

Coleman Coins Offered

United States silver and copper coins, comprising the collection J. C. Coleman, were to be sold at auction last month. Among the half dollars were copies of the first year of issue, 1794, and a specimen of the 1795 mintage. The copper cents began with 1793.

The sale included consignments from many other collectors. There were some medals, of which one was a silver medal struck in Boston following the death of Washington and worn in the Masonic funeral procession three weeks after his death.

Among the early Colonial coins were specimens of the Massachusetts pine-and-oak-tree shillings, Colonial and Civil War paper money and a variety of old-time bank bills.

How Dixie Got Its Name

Even though the song "Dixie" brings thoughts of something quite different from money, says the *Associated Press*, the pre-civil war \$10 bill of a New Orleans bank gave the name "Dixie" to the south.

Fred W. Thompson of the First and Merchants National Bank of Richmond, Va., so told the young money experts of the American Institute of Banking convention recently.

"The principal bills issued by a bank in New Orleans before the War Between the States were in \$10 denominations," he said. "They were engraved in English on one side and in French on the other. On the French side the word 'Dix' was very prominent; as you know it means 'ten.'"

"The Americans throughout the Mississippi valley who did not know the French pronunciation called the bills 'Dixies' and Louisiana came to be known as 'The Land of the Dixies' or 'Dixie Land.' This inspired Dan Emmett, who in 1859 composed the original 'Dixie Land' for a minstrel show, then performing in New York. He embodied in it the expression he had so often heard: 'I wish I were in Dixie.' This song was later written by General Albert Pike, who gave it the battle thrill that makes 'Dixie' immortal and stamps the name 'Dixie' upon the south."

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UNITED STATES CENTS

By C. E. BRIGGS

THE most popular, the most sought for, the most collected of all United States coins are the one cent pieces. Their are a number of things that contribute in placing these coins in that position. Perhaps the foremost is the fact that the range of price of these pieces is so great. For a few dollars a collector can purchase a complete set of all dates in fair condition, but to get all dates and varieties in uncirculated condition would cost several thousand dollars. Another reason for their popularity is their almost complete coinage years. The cents have been coined continuously from and including 1793 to the present date, with the single exception of 1815. None have ever been found bearing this date. Also the difference in color of these pieces make them very attractive as a collection. They vary from the brilliant original red through all shades of steel blue and drab to an almost jet black even in uncirculated condition. Then there are the die varieties that give the collector an almost unlimited field of study and research. No other denomination of the United States coins can compare with the cents in this respect. Several years ago fifty-six varieties of the single date of 1794 were described and catalogued and others are still coming to light.

The design of the first cent minted in 1793 shows the head of liberty with flowing hair and facing to the right with a chain of thirteen links on the reverse and bars and strawberry vine on the edge. It contained 203 grains of copper. This weight was maintained with slight variation until 1858 when the policy of using one cents worth of copper in each piece was abandoned. There are twelve known varieties of 1793. The cent of 1794 shows liberty with flowing locks but with a cap on a pole over the left shoulder. In 1795 the design was again changed, and the head of liberty is supposed to be a likeness of Martha Washington. The reverse shows a wreath of olive and the edge is lettered "One hundred for a dollar." The cent of 1808 shows a profile of liberty with in-

scribed fillet and facing to the left. This design was used until 1816 when a new design of liberty appeared with the coronet inscribed "Liberty." In 1858 the cents were reduced to nearly the size of the present issue and contained about 12 per cent nickel and were known as the white or nickel cents. This composition of metal was used until 1864 after which pure copper was again used. Dates from 1864 to 1908 are known as the Indian Head cents but the head is that of a small boy dressed to represent an Indian. This design was changed in 1909 and in this year, the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the first coin to bear the likeness of a former president of the United States was minted.

All cents were struck at the home mint in Philadelphia until 1908 when cents were minted at San Francisco and are to be distinguished by a \$ letter "S" on the reverse. The coinage was commenced at Denver in 1911 with a letter "D" as a mint mark.

Hunt Buried Treasure

According to the *Associated Press* German farmers in upper Augusta Township near Sunbury, Pa., are searching for a mythical buried treasure, which if found, will probably replenish the ranks of the early scarcities; perhaps such as the 1844 dollar. Three families claim ownership of the hoard, which is said to be no less than 100 years old.

The *Associated Press* continues:

"The money was reported buried 100 years ago by Peter Oberdorf, Sr., a prosperous farmer who trusted neither man nor bank and secreted his money in the ground near the grave of the original settler of the site, Martin Warfel, who established a homestead there in 1720.

"Oberdorf told no one of his fortune until on his death bed. Then he called a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Stroh, according to family traditions, and told her of the treasure, hidden near the Warfel grave

in line with a certain fence and tree.

"Mrs. Stroh proved equally secretive concerning the money and kept knowledge of it to herself until a year before her death, about forty years later.

"She had not spoken of the money before, she is reported to have said, because she had no need for it and feared that knowledge of its existence would cause trouble within the family. Those to whom she told the tale were not so scornful of money and immediately started to search for it. But the fences and other landmarks had been moved in the intervening years and even the exact location of the Warfel grave was in doubt.

"Finally the searchers determined on a probable location and awaited springtime to renew their hunt.

"During the winter dispute over the ownership of the fortune, if found arose. Heirs to Peter Oberdorf claimed it: descendants of Mrs. Stroh to whom it was reported given by the original owner held it was theirs; and the occupants of the farm entered their claim.

"The dispute widened and the hunt abandoned. That was forty years ago. Since then the families regarded any attempt to find the treasure a waste of time.

"Recently the story was recalled, old documents relating to the money and to the boundaries of the land reread and the search renewed.

"Survivors of each of the original claimants await developments to reassert their claims to ownership of what is believed to be a sizeable fortune in gold and silver coin."

First Five-Dollar Bill

The first \$5 bill ever issued by the United States, dated March 10, 1852, is in the possession of A. D. Millhouse, Murphysboro, Ill. His father obtained it that year and seeing it was stamped "Series A. No. 1," saved it. It has been in the family ever since, having enjoyed a lifetime of idleness regardless of several panics.

—Capper's Weekly.

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What's Wrong With This Story?

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

A party of tourists were going through the old Egyptian tomb country, where King Tut's tomb and that of Rameses II, and other ancient rulers are located. One of the tourists kicked up a metal piece. He examined it closely, and discovered that it was an ancient coin, bearing the legend, 1200 B. C. Desiring to make certain its authenticity, he inquired of the guide. The guide informed him it was such a coin, and that he had made a valuable discovery.

He stated, however, that there is an Egyptian law which gives Egyptian authorities first choice of all articles of ancient value which are found in the country. The guide thereupon took the coin away from the tourist and sent it to the Egyptian Museum at Alexandria, where it is exhibited today, an interesting historical curiosity of ancient civilization. What is wrong with this story? Answer printed on page 63 of this issue.

A Debunked Buffalo Nickel

"It is altogether too bad about Chief Two Guns Whitecalf," says an *Associated Press* report, "but that is not his face on the buffalo nickels.

"Ever since the present 5-cent piece was designed, about fifteen years ago, there have been stories to the effect that Two Guns was the original of the Indian head. Today James E. Frazer, who designed the coin, wrote the Indian office that he had never seen Two Guns, but had used three different Indians to obtain the design. One was named Irontail, another was Two Moons, a Cheyenne chief, who now is dead. Frazer has forgotten the name of the other.

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Early Iowa Currency

By M. SORENSEN

DUE to the foresight and sound judgment of the Territorial, and later State Legislature, Iowa was never infested by specimens of the true breed during the "wild cat" period. This is not saying that "wild cat" currency did not circulate here, but like all good laws the Iowa banking laws were evaded by speculators. Currency from the surrounding territory was brought in, and certain Iowa bankers and business men established "banks" outside of the state and printed currency, which was brought in to circulate here. Several such banks were established in Nebraska Territory, and currency circulated in Iowa from the Western Exchange, Fire and Marine Insurance Co., the Bank of Florence, The Platt Valley Bank, the Nemaha Valley Bank, and the Bank of Fontanelle. Notes from several of these banks were floated by Cedar Rapids firms.

During the Territorial period the only chartered bank established in what is now Iowa was the Miners' Bank of Dubuque. The lead mines near Dubuque were responsible for the early settlement of commercial importance of the city. Lead has been discovered in this region by the Indians, and the mines were later developed by Julien Dubuque during the period of the Spanish possession of the trans-Mississippi country. In 1836 the legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, of which the Iowa country was then a part, granted a charter to the Miners' Bank of Dubuque. The terms of incorporation and other rulers for the bank were on a sound basis, but because the directors of the bank did not live up to these rules, and after a somewhat stormy existence, it had its charter revoked in 1845. Among the irregularities may be mentioned that at one examination of the bank's affairs, it had instead of the prescribed amount of specie as security for issued currency \$50,000 in notes of the Jackson County Bank, Michigan. This was a notorious "wild cat" bank, as the following facts had been revealed by an examination:

"Gold coin was exhibited loose in a drawer, which, being counted; amounted to the sum of \$1037.78; about \$150 in loose silver was also counted. Beneath the counter of the bank, nine boxes were pointed out

by the teller as containing \$1000 each. The teller selected one of these boxes and opened it; this was examined, and appeared to be a full box of American half dollars. One of the Commissioners then selected a box, which he opened, and found the same to contain only a superficies of silver, while the remaining portion consisted of lead and ten-penny nails. The Commissioner then proceeded to open the remaining seven boxes; they presented the same contents precisely, with a single exception, in which the substratum was window glass broken into small pieces."

The currency in Iowa during the period preceeding the Civil War was typical of the condition that then obtained in the West. There were no banks of issue located in Iowa, but several nearby States had banks of issue which flooded Iowa with their depreciated notes. The "free banking" system was adopted in Illinois in 1851, in Indiana in 1852, and in Wisconsin in 1853. Many of these banks were banks of circulation only, and were located at out-of-the-way places. An Iowa pioneer described one of these "wild cat" banks in the following language:

"I visited one of these banks once. It was in a logging camp in the thick woods near the east shore of Lake Michigan. It was about 8 feet square, 8 feet high, made of rough boards, flat roof, with one small sliding window, a plain board shelf, on which the notes were signed, a small door, over which, in red chalk, was the name of the bank. It was never occupied but once. When I saw it, the bank was closed."

In 1856 two men interested in the great number of bank notes in circulation, found passing as money in Iowa City, the bills of more than 300 banks, two-thirds of them below par.

Prior to the panic in 1858 there was a general distrust of currency, banks and bankers. The second Cedar Rapids bank was started by Ward and Bryan in 1853, but because B. S. Bryan bought a new top buggy and a fine horse public suspicion was aroused and the bank was forced to close its doors.

Continuation of this article by Mr. Sorensen, will appear in an early number of HOBBIES.

Government Doesn't Pay for Rare Coins

The United States government does not pay to receive a premium on any issue of coins or paper currency, domestic or foreign. Persons who wish to dispose of what they consider rare and valuable coins should get in touch with the private coin dealers found in all large cities. Rumors sometimes spread through the country that the treasury department is planning to "call in" certain coins and notes at a high premium.

The United States government has never "called in" any coins or paper currency and the origin and purpose of these false rumors are not known. In 1929 a false rumor was started, probably as a joke, that the government would pay 25 cents for every Indian head 1-cent piece presented at the Chicago Centennial in 1933. Many people went to great pains and trouble to collect large numbers of these coins with a view of getting the government premium.

In reply to thousands of communications received as a result of this false report the treasury department in 1930 said: "The government pays no premium upon any issue of coins. There is no premium whatever offered by the government on Indian-head 1-cent pieces. There are millions of them in circulation."

—*The Pathfinder.*

Urn Filled With Old Roman Coins Found Buried in Germany

An unusual historic find was made recently in the "Lausitz," a district way in the east of Germany, near the Czecho-Slovak border, when a farmer dug up an urn filled with rarest Roman coins, from the time of the Roman emperors.

The precious urn was buried only a short distance below the surface. It contained coins with the imprint of Octavian, Vespasian, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan, Antonius, and Marcus Aurelius. It seems remarkable that only the good emperors of Rome were represented, while coins from men like Nero, Commodus, and Cladius were not found.

Experts are busy trying to ascertain how the urn got as far north. It is surmised

that some barbarian of the time acquired it somehow, by exchange or theft, and brought it to Germany with him.

—*Edwin Brooks.*

In the Hands of Collectors

A news note from Seattle, Wash. asks:

"What has become of the 'Ezra Meeker' or Oregon Trail half dollar minted more than two years ago and sold to provide a fund to erect monuments along the road traversed by pioneers and their ox teams?" Collectors have been active in the Pacific Coast states since the death of Mr. Meeker trying to obtain the last Congressional coin.

The coin bears on one side a prairie schooner, on the other side of the figure of an Indian facing a map of the United States. Six million of the coins were minted and fully half the coinage was sold in three Pacific Coast states.

Most of these coins are said to be in the hands of collectors.

Answer to Fallacy Story

A coin made previous to the Christian Era would not be dated "Before Christ," because time was not figured in that manner till after Christ came.

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Would you like to see some interest in Numismatics started in your city? Then call your city editor's attention to the efforts of the East St. Louis, (Ill). Journal in this respect. The following data taken in part from The Journal, even though of only local news interest shows that much public enthusiasm can be aroused. Such is of benefit to the numismatic cause.

WIDOW OF NOTED ACTOR JOINS HUNT

THE collection of old coins is apparently a universal hobby. From the results of *The Journal's* effort to find some of the oldest coins in East St. Louis it is shown that persons in all walk of life are interested in such collections. It holds a romance that few people can resist.

One of the latest to become interested in *The Journal's* effort is Mrs. George Primrose, widow of the internationally known minstrel, who exhibited an 1807 half dollar to the "old coin" editor recently. She obtained the ancient coin two years ago at the Belmont race track in New York in payment of a race bet.

Mrs. Primrose, whose company has just completed a tour of the Radio-Keith-Orpheum theatre circuit, is visiting in East St. Louis at the at the home of Mrs. E. M. Hutchinson, 2631 St. Clair Ave., Her husband has been dead 12 years, but his name has been before the public for 64 years now. He was much older than Mrs. Primrose, who was his third wife.

The hands of time insofar as old coins are concerned continued to be shoved backward today when Robert Murphy displayed the oldest silver dollar yet encountered by the old coin editor. It was minted in 1799 and has been in the Murphy family 50 years. Murphy found at one

of the downtown banks that this dollar was now worth \$1.35.

What is believed to be the largest collection of old coins in East St. Louis is that of A. S. Delano, an employee of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, who stated that the face value of his collection, now including foreign coins, was \$600. He listed some of his oldest coins as follows:

Half cent, 1797; one cent, 1794; 2-cent, 1864; 5-cent, 1866 (the oldest nickel 5-cent piece minted); 3-cent, 1862; half dime,

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Oldest 3-cent piece—O. G. Rawson, 1853.

Oldest 2-cent piece—Mrs. D. W. Schaffner, O. G. Rawson and A. S. Delano, 1864.

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The Department of the Treasury, through the Director of the Mint, R. J. Grant, has addressed a circular letter to sculptors inviting them to submit designs for the new quarter dollar to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of George Washington's birth as authorized by Congress. The letter, made public June 15 by the Department, follows in full text:

The act approved March, 4, 1931, authorizes a change in the design of the quarter dollar to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The Secretary of the Treasury has directed me to invite you to submit designs for the obverse side and reverse side of this coin. The models will be received at the Office of the Director of the Mint up to the close of business Oct. 15, 1931. They should be submitted without identification marks on the models, but with a transmittal letter to the Director of the Mint.

One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) will be paid to the sculptor whose designs are accepted, but the Treasury Department reserves the right to reject all designs. There will be no remuneration for the rejected models.

The models must be submitted in the form of plaster casts about eight inches in diameter. Designs submitted in the form of sketches or drawing will not be considered.

David Ross, in the Electric Department of the Navy writing to his home in Kansas City, Mo., says in part:

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—*Worlds Work.*

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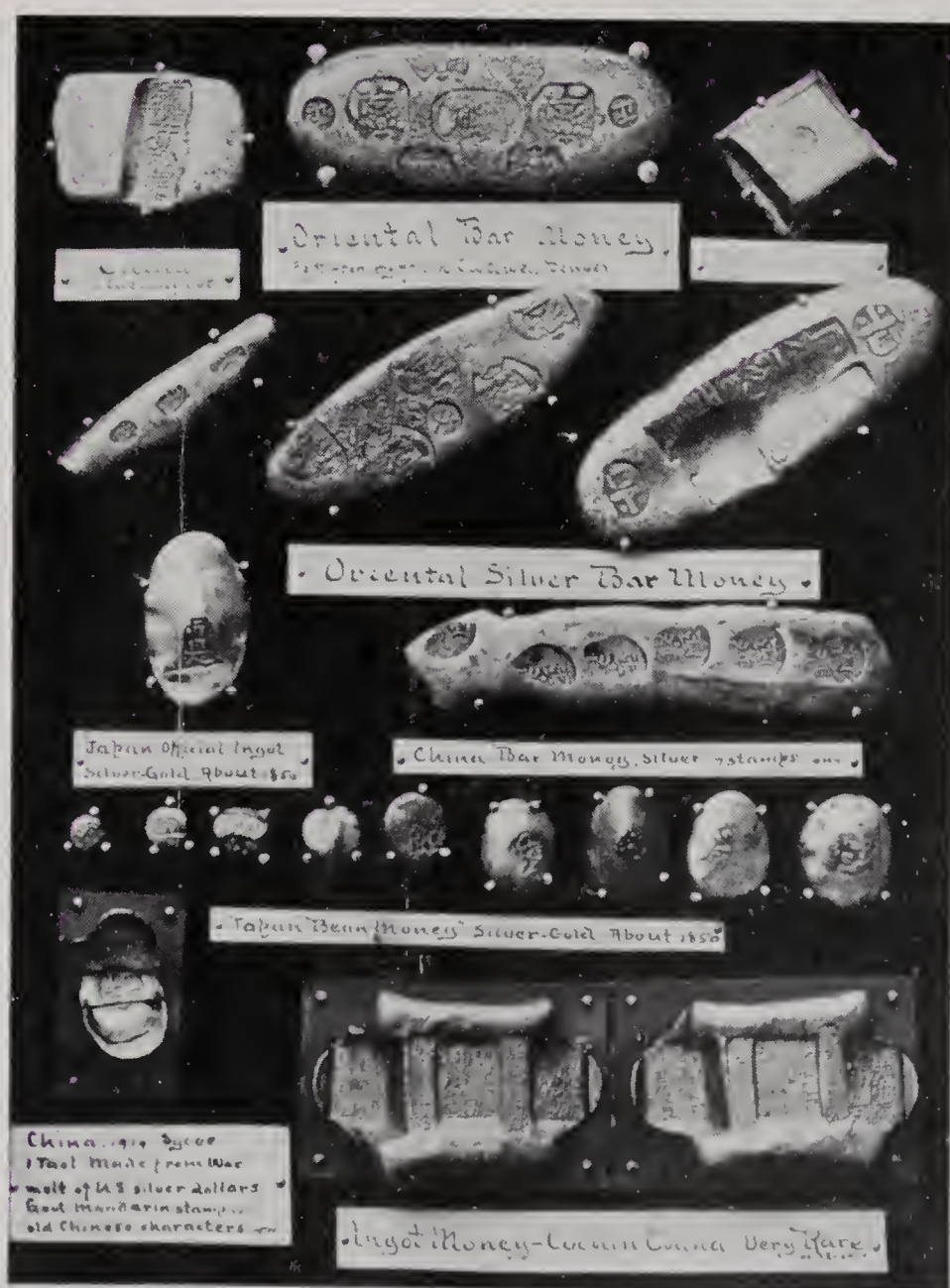
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The Numismatic Department has doubled its space this month to do honor to numismatists throughout the country, and this issue is hereby dedicated to those interested in coin collecting. Interest in numismatics will be high this month because of the convention of the American Numismatic Association at Cincinnati from August 29 to September 3. HOBBIES hopes that these pages will do their part in helping stimulate enthusiasm.

Especially do we wish to thank those who so generously gave their time and effort to the Numismatic Department of this magazine this month.

Cincinnati Says, "Welcome"

CINCINNATI, the Queen City of the West, is looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to entertaining the members of the *American Numismatic Association* at their annual convention at the Netherland Plaza, August 29 to September 3. An interesting program is being arranged by the local committee in charge of the American Numismatic Association convention, and every minute will be spent profitably and enjoyably.

This city is ideally located, it being the most northern Southern city and the most southern Northern city, and within 100 miles of the very center of the population of the United States. Its accessibility insures a maximum attendance at a meeting at a minimum expenditure of both time and money.

Cincinnati is rich in scenic beauty, being built as Rome, on seven hills, and bounded on the South by the beautiful Ohio River. Its suburbs are the loveliest to be seen and a trip through any one of them is a delight to the eye.

This city is commanding more interest from the outside world than any other city in the country. It has greatly improved in the last five years, due to the adoption, in 1926, of the city charter form of Government, thoroughly non-partisan with a City Manager and a Council of nine at its head. Due to the public confidence in the capability and conscientiousness of its City Manager and associates, the people of the

city have voted liberally for appropriations for the building of new boulevards and streets, expanding the park system, enlarging the educational and other cultural facilities, and constructing and equipping a municipal airport.

During the past few years the building program of the city has progressed greatly. Among the most outstanding of these projects is the construction of a new Union Depot and Freight Terminal which when finished will cost \$45,000,000; and the River Rail Terminal which facilitates the loading and unloading of river steamers and barges, and increases river traffic which has been made possible by the opening of the Ohio River through a series of dams and locks built under the auspices of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association.

Among the many places and things of interest in Cincinnati, are the Cincinnati Art Museum and Art Academy, which possesses a rare collection of sculpture and paintings; the Rookwood Pottery in Mt. Adams, world famous for its artistic and exquisite specimens of ceramic ware; the Cincinnati Zoological Garden, with one of the finest collections of birds and animals; Reiland Field, the home of the "Reds," Cincinnati National League Baseball Team; Coney Island, a splendid summer resort reached by a ten mile trip up the beautiful Ohio River; and numerous other outdoor resorts. On the outskirts of Cincinnati is Mariemont, internationally famous as a



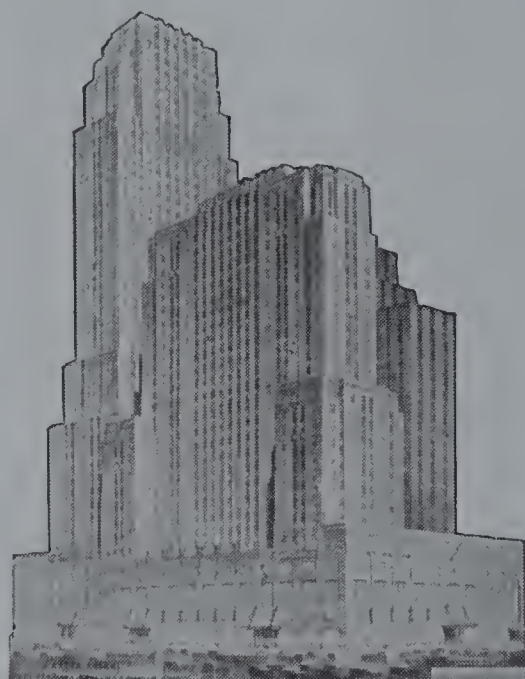
Skyline View of Cincinnati

model town and which was made possible through the generosity of the late Mrs. Mary B. Emery.

Cincinnati boasts two universities, the University of Cincinnati, the largest municipally owned and supported university—home of the Co-Operative Educational System; and the St. Xavier University. The Ohio Military Institute is also located in Cincinnati.

There are also a number of public parks of unexcelled beauty. Eden Park and Burnet Woods, the two largest in the city, comprise many acres of beautiful woodland and grassy knolls; Alms Park overlooking the Miami and Ohio valleys; Ault Park overlooking the Miami valley and Lunken Airport; Mt. Storm Park, Mt. Echo Park and Mt. Airy Forest, all enhance the city's beauty and lend charm and restfulness to the suburbs in which they are located.

The Convention Department of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce is extremely interested in assisting in every way possible in making the convention of the American Numismatic Association a



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success, and sincerely hopes the members will not hesitate to call upon the organization for any service it might be able to render which will make their stay in this city more pleasant.

CINCINNATI again welcomes you and offers you every attention!

Mexico Also Pays Off Old Warrant

Kansas City's recent experience in paying a 57-year-old "scrip" warrant debt, is similar to that of Mexico officials, who have just forwarded to Mrs. Edna L. McNamee, Chewelah, Wash., a new \$1 warrant to redeem a scrip issued December 26, 1873.

Mrs. McNamee, in presenting the 58-year-old warrant, said it had been in the family about half a century.

City records revealed that for several years after the Civil War such scrip issues were frequent, and that this \$1 warrant was part of the last such authorized issue for \$500.

G. D. Ferris was mayor and L. C. Swerer the city clerk when the scrip was issued.

Numismatic Notes

By B. W. LANG

Coins were first brought into use by the Lydians between 800 and 700 B.C.

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The currency of both the United States and Denmark is legal tender on the Virgin Islands of the United States until 1934.

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The rarity of the 1922 Lincoln cent is explained in the fact that only seven, 160,000 were minted whereas, it is interesting to note, 277, 140,000 were coined in the year 1929.

Treasury Explains Designs of Dime

Inquiries as to why the United States uses the "Fascist Emblem" on the ten-cent piece have been received by the Department of the Treasury, in recent weeks, it was stated orally June 24 at the Department. The design, inquirers are being told, was adopted in 1916, and was selected because of its artistic qualities.

The following additional information was made available:

In the last four months, the Department has received more than 100 inquiries concerning the design of the ten-cent piece, with particular reference to the use of the "Fascist Emblem." Some of the letters also have asked why the Roman god of commerce "Mercury" is used on the obverse side.

The report that there is a connection between the design and the Fascist movement apparently is quite widespread. In 1916, when the design was adopted, the Fascist movement had not been heard of in this country, and probably had not been conceived in Italy.—United States Daily.

Chopped and Boiled

Extraordinary precautions are taken by the Government on the destruction of its worn-out and filthy paper money. The fact that this could be used again makes it necessary that its destruction should be conducted with care, and be made complete. All the paper money that passes through the Treasury Department is sorted, and the old bills are sent to the redemption division, where they are searched for possible counterfeits. Then they are carefully counted, and tied up into bundles of one hundred notes each. A great canceling machine then drives four holes through each of these bundles. The piles of bills are chopped by machinery into fragments, which are then boiled until reduced to a pulp.

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ONE HUNDRED Papal coins and medals with the traditional beauty of ancient and modern Rome revealed across their faces, are in the possession of James Korb, 16 year old numismatic enthusiast

of Syracuse, N. Y.

This young collector is a member of the American Numismatic Association. He has purchased most of his coins through agents in Rome, Italy.

Several pounds of ancient Roman gold and silver coins were unearthed by two brothers while digging in their vineyard in a small village near Sofia.

In London recently a toothpick once used by Charles Dickens was sold for \$275. What would his toothbrush bring?

—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

History of Vatican Coinage Goes Back 1000 Years

By HAMILTON CRAIGIE

THE recent issuance of 10,000 sets of coins by the Vatican State recalls the history of Papal coinage which dates back more than 1100 years to Adrian I. This latest issue consists of a 100-lire gold piece, two silver coins of five and ten lire; four nickel coins of one lire, two lire, and 20 and 50 centesimi; and two copper coins of five and ten centesimi.

By a special arrangement effected May 25 of this year, Vatican coinage became legal tender throughout Italy, this arrangement affecting only Vatican coins of the 1930 issue. The coins dated 1929 constitute only special souvenir money although they are the same in design and denomination as those dated 1930.

The power to coin money is the concrete symbol of the return to temporal jurisdiction of the popes. It is interesting to note that nickel, employed for the first time since the beginning of papal coinage, is the predominate metal in the latest coins, being used in four of the nine.

From the time when papal coins were first struck, the succession was continued, with certain breaks in the continuity, up to 1874. From that year until 1929, when the papal temporal power was restored by virtue of the famous Concordat, there were no papal coins except medals. The new coins were actually minted this year.

Coins Before Adrian

Papal coinage began with Adrian I. coins of silver dating from his reign (772-95) although Popes Gregory II, Gregory III and Zacharias, minted square coins—which were actually coins and not medals—before that time. However, their coins were in reality simply imperial Byzantine pieces and not actually papal at all.

From Adrian's time until that of John XIV (984) papal money continued to be coined at Rome. Between 984 and 1305 no pontifical money was coined. The mint was taken over by the Roman Senate in 1143, and restored 45 years later to the then pontiff, Clement III; however, the Senate continued to coin money on which

there was no reference to the papal authority.

Modernized Papal Mint

Papal coins reappeared with the transfer of the Pontifical Court to Avignon. Thereafter, there was an unbroken succession of papal coins from John XXII to Pius IX who, in 1845, equipped the papal mint with the most up-to-date appliances. Other coinage, under the suzerainty of the popes, was minted by various archbishops by reason of their temporal power, some cities possessing mints under authority from the papacy. All of these, as well as numerous others — with two exceptions — were suppressed by Pius VII (1800-23.)

From Leo III (796-816)—under whom the Byzantine system was supplanted by that of the Frankish Empire—up to the Ottos—emperors from the tenth to the thirteenth centuries— and papal designations appeared on the coins. After the sixteenth century numerous instances of the pontifical arms, symbolical and sacred figures, were added.

Outside of Rome coins struck during a pope's lifetime omitted the name of the pope. The date on any papal coin rarely appeared before 1550, and its use as well as its value were established by law.

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Nickel appears to have been considered as a metal for coinage by other peoples. At any event, it was probably the unisolated kupfernickel—copper nickel. It is interesting to note in this connection that the United States five-cent piece is composed of 75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel, while the new papal nickel coins are of pure nickel. Pure nickel coinage was introduced by Switzerland in 1881 and has been adopted by 24 countries.

The latest coins bear the date 1929. Their main decorative motif falls into two categories: Those of gold and silver carrying the head or bust of the Pope; those of nickel and copper, the coat of arms. The reverse side of all coins, with the exception of the copper five centesimi which bears an olive branch, have pious pictures, a custom standardized by Gregory XVII on January 10, 1835.

The Vatican has a numismatic collection under the care of a special custodian. It was opened in 1555 under Marcellus II.

From the Illinois State Register

Edward Jack and James J. Rogers, workmen, digging a trench for a drain pipe on the property of Alex M. Booth in the center of the business district of Buffalo, Ill., recently unearthed two brown jugs containing more than \$6,000 in gold coins.

The money was taken to the Buffalo Farmers' State Bank for safekeeping. The coin ranged in amounts from one dollar to \$20 pieces. There were about 228 one dollar gold pieces, of a coinage now obsolete and said to be worth about \$3 each at this time.

Older residents of Buffalo explained the presence of the buried money. It was hidden there nearly fifty years ago, they believe by Dr. Peter T. Leeds, a wealthy but eccentric physician who died in 1883.

Opposite

The statement recently made by a Cincinnati man that he had the only \$3 bill in existence sent folks scurrying to their old trunks and attics and as a result hundreds of other bills of similar nature turned up.

The bills illustrated opposite were put into circulation and used for money back in the days when any institution could issue currency. At the top is a bill from Missouri, dated 1862. The bill in the center is a treasury warrant issued by Mississippi in 1870. The hole in the mark of cancellation, for the note was printed after passage of a federal law prohibiting the issuance by any except the Government.

Silver Token and Tuning Fork

Two rare ecclesiastical antiques have been acquired by the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches and are on display in the foundation's repository at Montreat, N. C. according to a news dispatch given out by the *Associated Press*.

A silver token used by the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, said to be one of two churches in the world known to have used silver tokens, and a tuning fork used during the early days of revivals in Kentucky are the antiques added to the repository.

Those Centless Nickels

Mr. Herron of Roswell, N. Mex., makes a statement in *Free Air* that the government made centless nickel in 1893. No doubt hundreds have read this statement. I wish to state that those nickels were coined in 1883. I have in my possession three of those nickels, one of which had been dipped in gold.—J. W. Carter, Cannon City, Colo., in the *Pathfinder*.

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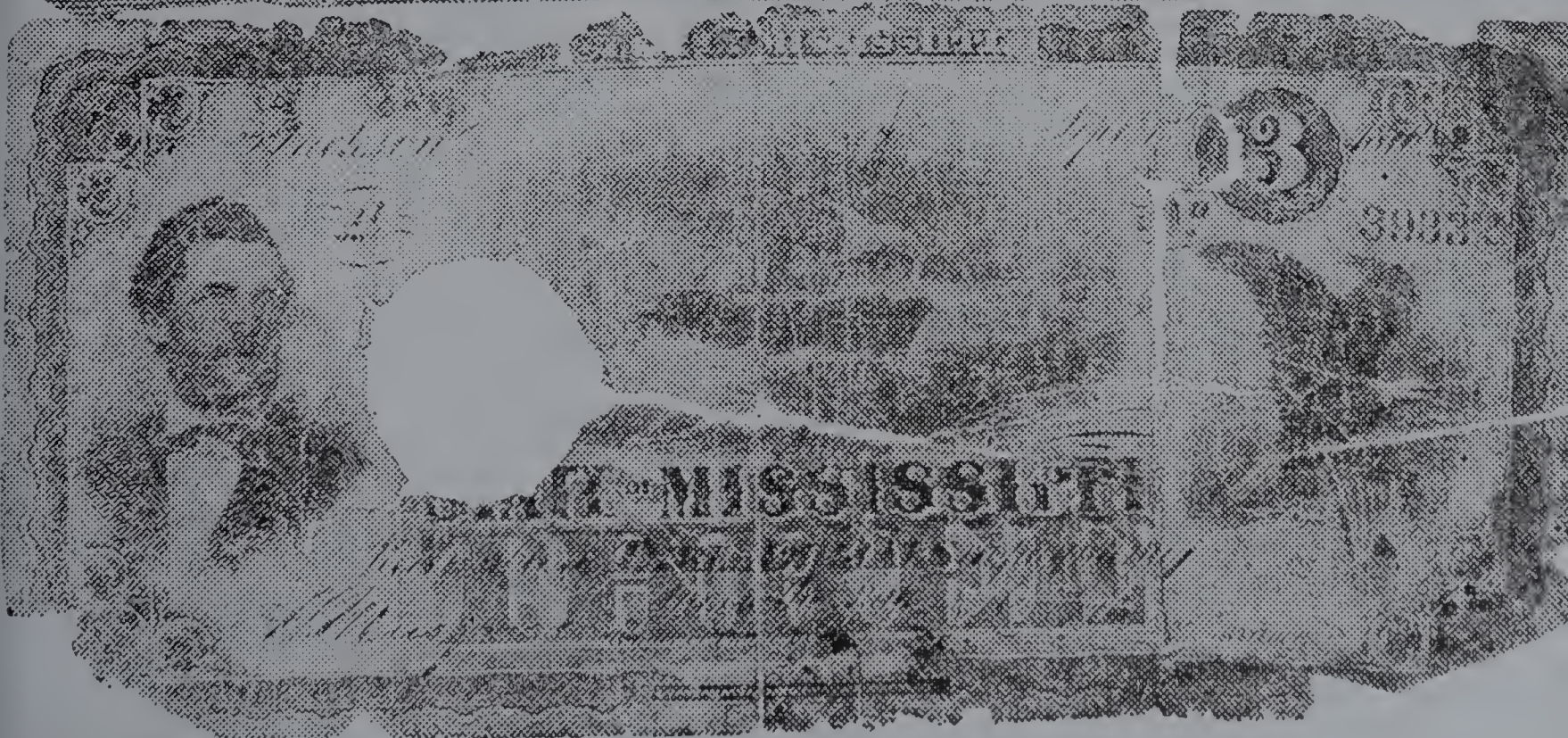
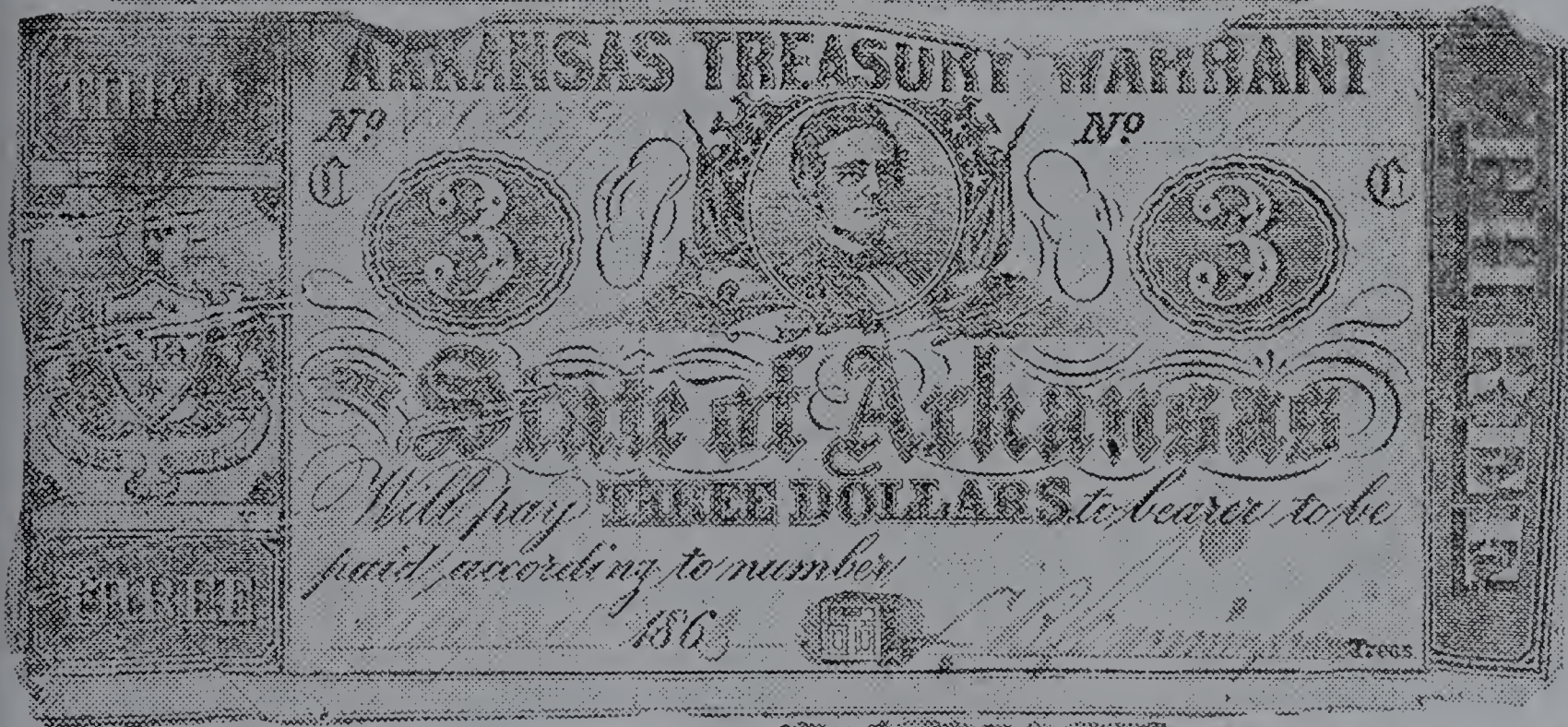
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40,000 Pieces in the Chase National Bank of New York

JOHN CLARKSON writing in *The American Magazine* some months back gave an interesting story concerning the numismatic activities of Farran Zerbe, curator of the numismatic museum of the Chase National Bank in New York.

Mr. Clarkson says in part: A little French coin and a little American boy met face to face in a little Pennsylvania town more than 40 years ago, and this meeting was the beginning of an interesting history for both the coin and the boy. The coin was, and still is, worth ten cents, and the boy—well, the boy was and still is worth a great deal more than that. But in all his wide travels and in all the changes that have taken place in his life, he has never abandoned that coin. Today it occupies a place of honor in the greatest coin collection in the world, assembled by Farran Zerbe, its owner.

He is a famous collector of money, is Mr. Zerbe; but, unlike most of us, he cares nothing about the currency value of the money he finds, insisting only upon its historical value. He has assembled upwards of 40 thousand specimens of commodity money, coins, notes, bills and historical financial documents. He has found at one time or another, in one place or another, a specimen of almost every known medium of exchange used by mankind.

The Chase National Bank of New York is now the owner of this priceless exhibit of the moneys of the ancient, medieval, and modern world. To be sure that it might be perpetuated for the benefit of students of history and all others interested, Mr. Zerbe recently sold his vast assortment of money curios to that bank, which displays it as a public exhibit.

"The arrangement I made with the bank," says Mr. Zerbe, "is much like having your cake and eating it, too, for here I am as curator of the exhibit, enjoying myself every bit as much as if the collection were in my own home, and at the same time I am enjoying the price they pay me as curator. Did you ever hear of a man in a luckier situation than that?"

"The finding of worth-while specimens of money is my passion, and it has been ever since, back in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, where I was born and grew up, I saw that French dime. I was a newsboy then, and I found it in my change. I discovered stamped upon it the designation '50 cent.' So I hustled to a bank to collect my 40 cents' profit. A kindly officer of the bank explained to me that '50 cent' meant 50 centimes, which just about equaled our dime in value.

"The years moved on. When I grew up, I went into the mercantile business in Tyrone and remained a merchant there for almost 20 years. All the while, I was collecting moneys, and my interest in the subject grew mightily. I got into touch with other numismatists (that's what collectors of rare moneys are called), and by buying and trading with them I steadily improved my own collection.

"Impaired health and other reverses forced me to quit the mercantile business and I became a professional collector of moneys. Soon afterwards I was giving exhibitions for banks, and they were paying me well for them, too.

"One of my customers was the Chase National Bank, and they were so well pleased with the results of an exhibit I put on for them that they decided, finally, to make that exhibit permanent. And here I am!"

This collection covers thousands of years of history and provides a comprehensive record of the media of exchange of about every type ever used.

The most unhandy piece of money in the collection is a 31-pound slab of copper, once worth 80 dollars in Sweden. This slab was actually fashioned as a coin, and is stamped to indicate its worth.

"But the most valuable single specimens I have found," said Mr. Zerbe, "are two paper bills printed by the North American Indians. One was issued by the Cherokee Nation and has on it various characters of the Cherokee alphabet. The other was issued by the Arapahoe Indians in the origi-

nal Oregon Territory. These are the only paper money.”

In the exhibit you may see that rarest of United States dollars, the silver dollar of 1804, as well as all sorts of local Civil War issues, panic moneys, and hundreds of examples of World War issues, including a German mark note which, if you believe what is written on its face, is worth a trillion marks, or about \$250,000,000,000. Actually, it is worth only about 25 cents. This note was printed in the days after the war when German marks went crazy.

“I keep fairly busy,” said Mr. Zerbe, “answering questions about moneys, but that is part of my job and I like it—especially when someone asks me an intelligent question that I cannot answer. That’s a real thrill, for it gives me a new problem to work on.”

“I should think people would ask you a lot of foolish questions, too,” I suggested. “They do!” replied the curator. “And the prize exhibit among such questions came from a well-dressed, intelligent-looking woman. She asked me if I could show her a Latin quarter, explaining that she had heard students and travelers talk so much about the Latin Quarter of Paris that she was eager to see one!”

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Austria, 1 kreuzer, C., Emp., \$1/4Z, fine 10c, v. f.15	China, brass coin, Emp., \$1/2Z, fine	.25
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Death of A. P. Wylie

Members of the older guard of coin collectors in particular were grieved to learn of the recent death of A. P. Wylie, Wheaton, Ill.

Mr. Wylie was actively interested in numismatics for 55 years, and began collecting coins at 15 years when his father gave him an old Spanish coin dated 1777. Mr. Wylie was a dealer for about 47 years. He advertised extensively and had a world-wide correspondence. He made it a point to be present at the various coin conventions in Chicago and other cities and at various times contributed articles to numismatic publications.

During his lifetime he instructed his wife in the details of the coin collecting business, and she will carry on the business as was his desire.

J. Harold Murray, screen star, has a hobby of collecting coins (numismatically, if you please.)

King Carol's Face on Coins

The first Roumanian coins bearing the likeness of King Carol have gone into circulation, the government having received 300,000,000 lei from French coiners. The lei is worth 6 mills.

Altars, temples, light-houses and labyrinths are portrayed on some ancient Greek coins.

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The little man with a big derby seemed to be a foxy sort of gent. Almost all the other passengers on the bus could sense that.

From the moment he got on at Oak Street, Chicago, stabbed a dime into the gadget that rings them up and swaggered over on the edge of one of those seats that are built for three people and hold two and one-half, you could tell that he was not ordinary.

Maybe it was that cocky but nervous air about him. Or maybe the uneasy glances he cast about as he sat down. Anyway, the bus driver-conductor especially seemed to take a sudden dislike to the little man with the big derby. Every time he stopped the coach for a traffic light he turned in his seat and scowled at the foxy gent.

When the bus stopped at the link bridge the driver-conductor slid out of his seat and made his way down the aisle to the little man with the big derby. Extending a calloused palm in which nestled a small coin, he roared at the little man with the big derby:

"Did you try to put over this dime on me?"

"I don't know," the foxy gent responded. "Maybe I put it in, maybe some one else put it in, how do I know? I don't remember."

"Hm!" snorted the driver-conductor. "With all of these jokers riding the buses nowadays I been studying coins and 'new-miss-matics.' I'll keep this dime myself, then. It's dated 1802 and worth thirty bucks!"

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Numismatic Notes

By B. W. LANG

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The Continental Dollar, designed by Benjamin Franklin, bore the inscription, "Mind your business."

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"Maundy Coins" are the English charity coins which were distributed by the king on Maundy Tuesday and Wednesday.

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The "Cartwheel Penny" is a very large English penny made of copper mixed with iron.

The Isabella or Columbian quarter is the only U. S. coin bearing the head of a foreign monarch.

The novel idea of converting an empty mah-jong cabinet to accommodate coins was conceived by a numismatist of Brooklyn.

No silver dollars were coined in this country between 1805 and 1835.

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WHY COLLECT COINS?

By PAUL M. LANGE

COIN collecting is probably the most maligned of all hobbies, if you try to interest a fellow in this pastime his first answer is "Oh, that's too expensive for my pockets," nor can one hardly blame him. The nonsense that is dished out by reporters who don't know one coin from another is usually overdone. Usually when they see an old dilapidated piece that somebody found, they rush in and proclaim the find a great rarity worth thousands of dollars. The value of coins is altogether stressed too much in most write-ups. There are comparatively few coins that can be compared to the value, actual or fictional of stamps.

The historical value of coins can hardly be over-estimated, since with the invention of actual coins the world's real history begins. Now just compare this: The 147 five-cent stamp catalogs \$8.00. The Stater of Aginaca 650 before Christ averages \$5.00, and is of silver at that and considered the first coin (actual.)

To show how cheaply an interesting collection can be brought together, consider

this: A collection of coins from 650 B.C. up to date, and having a coin for every 50 years that money has been struck can be bought for less than \$100.

And what a history; the old Greek states in their glory, Alexander the Great, Ptolemy of Egypt, Constantine the Great, Caesar, Augustus, Nero and Caligula, Empresses and Princes all move in the procession.

Coin collecting is hard to beat for real interest, and the beauty of it is that you can choose different ways of collecting. If you wish to take rulers alone that will keep you busy for the rest of your life. Then there are curious coins such as lead, leather, glass, porcelain, iron, plate money, ring, boat hat, bar, fishhook and many more from which to choose if one wishes to specialize.

Of you may just collect coins of one size, as f.i. the thaler or crown size, or the smallest of each country or the largest. It's a hobby for king and commoner alike, every one can satisfy himself according to his means.

Wild Animal Skins as Money

By M. SORENSON

Wampum and tobacco were not the only things used as money in America during the early period of the country. The skins of wild animals were current as the medium of exchange and salaries of the officials of the American state of Franklin were payable in, and presumably were paid in, the skins of deer, raccoon, beaver, muskrat and mink.

The state of Franklin had a history which must make curious reading to Americans today. In 1784 the state of North Carolina, weary of the burdens imposed on her financial resources by the extent of her western lands and settlements, and, according to historians, irritated at the complaints which the settlers in those remote parts made

against the state government, passed an act conveying to the federal government those western lands which are now comprised with the state of Tennessee.

The passage of that act by North Carolina caused its western settlers to feel that they had been abandoned by their mother state, and they formed themselves into a commonwealth to which they gave the name Franklin, in honor of Benjamin Franklin. The new state applied for admission to the union, but before affirmative action was taken by the national government North Greenville was the capital of the state of land to the United States. The town of Greenville was the capital of the state of Franklin and John Sevier was the governor.

Governor Sevier was at one time put on trial for high treason and was rescued from the North Carolina authorities by the people of Franklin.

Among the laws passed by the legislature of Franklin was this:

“Be it enacted by the general assembly of Franklin state, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that the salaries of this commonwealth be as follows: His excellency the governor, per annum, one thousand deerskins; his honor the chief justice, per annum, five hundred deerskins; the secretary to his excellency, the governor, five hundred raccoon skins; the treasurer of the state, four hundred and fifty raccoon skins; each county clerk, five hundred beaver skins; clerk of the house of commons, two hundred raccoon skins; members of the assembly, per diem, three raccoon skins; justices’ fee for signing a warrant, one muskrat skin; to the constable for serving a warrant, one mink skin.”

Numismatic Notes

By B. W. LANG

Coins made of glass were once used in Arabia and China.

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Gold pieces in quarter and half dollar sizes were coined as “private issues” in California in 1852-60, but were never minted by the Government. The smallest gold coin authorized by the U. S. government is the gold dollar which was discontinued in 1889. A bill was once introduced in Congress authorizing \$100 gold pieces, which, however, was never passed.

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The Myddleton Token of Kentucky, is considered one of the rarest of Colonial pieces.

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That 1913 Liberty Head Nickel

By WM. RABIN

THE Cashier who looks carefully over every nickel which passes through her till, and the trolley-car conductor who scans eagerly every fare, and every other poor misguided individual who thinks there is a chance to get that \$50 offered by a dealer may be wasting his or her time. The "Needle in the Haystack," and the proverbial "Snow-ball in Hades," are both preferred risks by comparison with the chance of finding one, that 1913 Liberty head nickel. However, the coin does exist, five or six of them in fact, but they are all in the possession of one man, and these five or six are the only ones in existence. The owner knows what they are and there is absolutely no chance that any of them will ever get into circulation, in fact at the price he is asking for them, it is

entirely unlikely that they will ever leave his possession. That the coin exists at all is one of the suprising freaks of coinage which occasionally happens. The mint records show that no such coin was ever made. Its existence then must be attributed to the private enterprise of some Mint employee, who finding that the die had been prepared before the receipt of orders for a change in design, simply struck off a few pieces for his own possession or for speculative purposes. The coin not being legally authorized by the Government is liable to confiscation should the Government conceive the idea of doing so, and with the exception of the half-dozen pieces referred to above a coin dealer could offer \$5000 as easily as \$50, and feel perfectly safe that no one would ever call his bluff.

"Not Worth a Continental"

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

MANY have heard this expression, but few today, know how the contemptuous phrase originated. Some 156 years ago, when the colonies revolted from Great Britain, the Colonial Congress authorized and issued paper currency in various denominations from one-sixth of a dollar to 80 dollars, 20 different values in 11 distinct dates. These were payable at face value in Spanish milled dollars, or at about 4s 2d to the dollar. The Continental bills rapidly depreciated in value and in 1779, the last year in which they were issued were acknowledged to be worth five cents on the dollar, and dwindled until the phrase became a by-word which we hear and still use today. A few statements appear, intimating they were never redeemed. They were receivable at the Treasury, through an Act of August 4, 1790 as subscriptions to a loan at the rate of \$100 on Continental money for one dollar in specie. Later, by the act of March 3, 1797, it was declared that said money should be receivable as stated until De-

cember 31, 1797, and no longer.

The Colonial currency, issued prior to the Continental currency, began about 1708. These issues were put out by the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia and Vermont. The only state which redeemed its notes was Vermont with the result that its bills even of the small denominations bring a large premium today while the others may sell for only a few dollars.

There have been many similar issues since then, such as some of the fractional currency issued during the Civil War and many of the bank and state notes issued prior to Civil War. During those early days it was common practice for some of the larger companies such as Mills, Mines, Lumber Companies, etc., to issue private scrip, having the appearance of a regular bank bill to pay their help. These were generally accepted at face value by

the merchants, but many were never redeemed.

The bank notes issued by our government starting 1862, during the Civil War, including the fractional currency notes issued between the years 1863-1875 in denominations ranging from three to 50 cents in value, and of various types can be redeemed for face value at any bank, and if uncirculated and crisp bring a premium.

The "Confederate" bills by the Confederate government and "Southern State" bills issued by the State government were issued, we believe, as long as paper was available, and many only printed on the face side, with reverse blank. Many of them may have on the reverse, portions of another bill, indicating that due to paper scarcity they had to be economical

and use the reverse of an imperfectly printed sheets. Some of these may have "One Dollar" on the face side and show a portion of a "100 Dollar" bill on the reverse.

Every now and then we read articles in the newspapers describing how some forgotten bank note has been found with a story of its rarity. Only recently a story of a \$3.00 bill on a Lebanon, Ohio bank created national publicity. The articles generally intimated that the bill was rare because of the denomination and created a stir among many to obtain three dollar bills or ones that had them to tell how many they had. In reality, the rarity was not general, only due to the fact that paper money issued by the particular bank in that town was uncommon.

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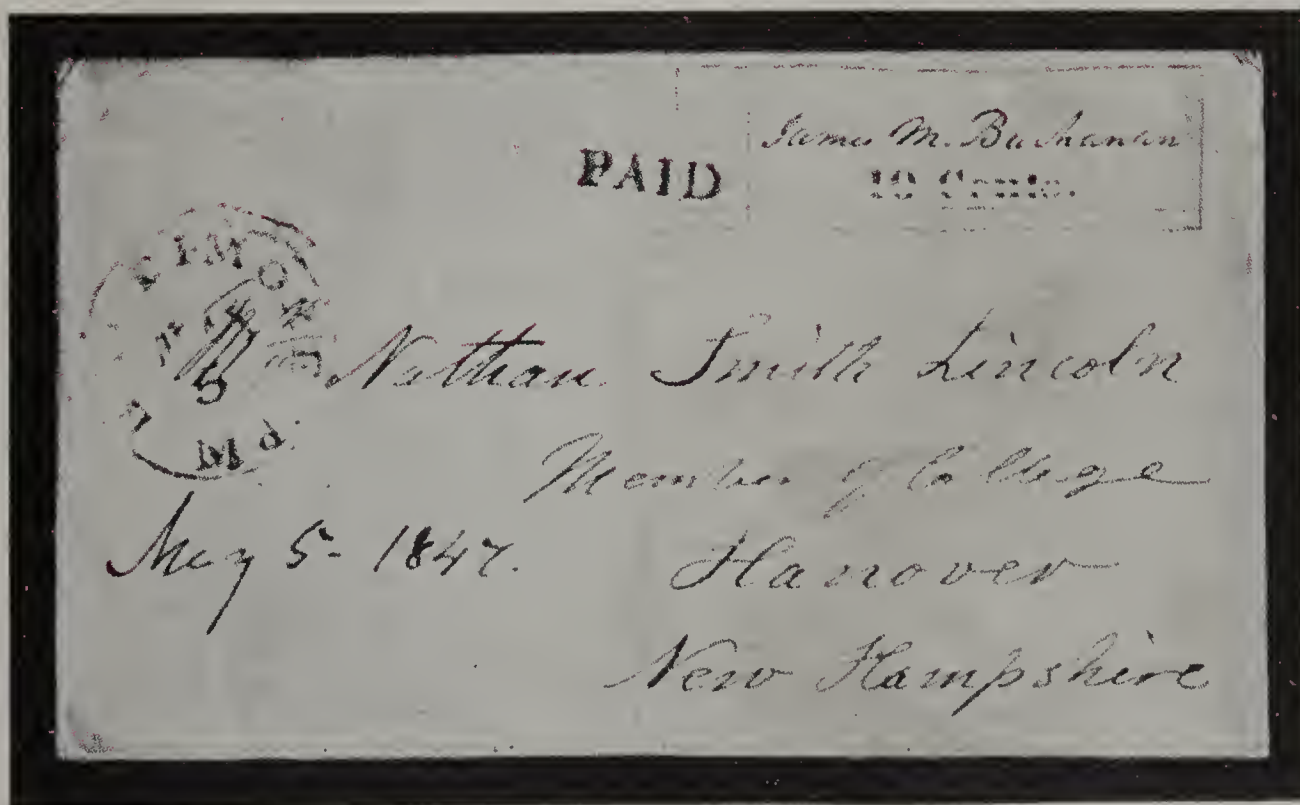
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A King's Hobby

News from Rome says that more and more King Victor Emanuel is retiring from the public eye and devoting himself to his hobby of fifty years—coin collecting.

The monarch's voice in the affairs of state has sunk to a whisper, but he has become king of numismatics.

Victor Emanuel, it is claimed, possesses an unrivaled collection of medieval and modern Italian coins—95,000 different pieces—of almost incalculable value.

Very few persons know that the king is an author and that he labors daily at a colossal work, begun in 1897. This is the "Corpus Nummorum Italicorum," or descriptive illustrated catalog of all the Italian coins.

Since 1900 twelve huge volumes have been published, not, however, under the king's name. They describe 53,706 coins. Another dozen volumes must be published before the set is complete. The king, whose grandfather deprived the popes of their temporal power, has set aside four volumes for the coins minted under the popes.

Victor Emanuel spends hours with his beloved circles of bronze, copper, silver and gold. They occupy a large section of the second floor of the Quirinal palace. His wife, Queen Elena, helps him faithfully. One of the first presents he gave the queen—formerly a princess of Montenegro—was a rare Montenegrin gold coin.

The king was 12 years old, prince of Naples and a young cadet on the torpedo boat Caracciolo when he began his collection. One day he found a penny of Pope Pius IX called a Baiocco. He decided to find others to go with it, and when he expressed his intention to his parents. King Humbert and Queen Margherita, they began to give him rare coins for Christmas and his birthday. Soon municipalities heard of his growing hobby and contributed to it. By the time he was 27 years old and com-

mander of the military zone of Florence he had 12,000 pieces.

Dog's Teeth Money

Perhaps the strangest system of currency yet discovered among primitive peoples is that used by the Solomon islanders late in the last century. Dogs' teeth were the gold of the system, and only two teeth from any one dog were acceptable as legal tender. These were drilled through for stringing, and the more wealthy natives sometimes owned long necklaces of them. Ten teeth paid for a good quality wife, while a moderately fine young man could be bought at a slightly cheaper rate.

Chasing Four Billion Pennies

From "Profits from Pennies,"

By ARCH M. ANDREWS, in *The Saturday Evening Post*

Lately I read in a newspaper dispatch from Washington that the total amount of minor coins—nickels and pennies—in circulation in the United States amounted to about ninety-five cents for each person. I would have supposed there was a more ample supply. Still it must be remembered that these are the most active of all coins, and that banks are not disposed to waste much storage space on them. The tendency is to keep them in circulation and not in vaults. The records of the director of the mint indicate that the total of one-cent coins issued and outstanding is in the neighborhood of \$57,000,000. This figure would include all those cents that have vanished through cracks in floors and the other places where lost coins go as well as \$4,929,807.44 of copper, nickel and bronze cents coined between 1793 and 1873. So obviously, the total number actually working must be considerably less than the number issued and

outstanding. Yet, if we fix the number arbitrarily at \$40,000,000 we are speaking of 40,000,000 coins.

Now an interesting fact about those business enterprises that rely on pennies as the chief tool of their operations is that they are poor or prosperous in accordance with the number in circulation. Consequently, during the period of nuisance war taxes the scales and vending machines reaped a harvest richer than ever before. Pennies were required in countless transactions in which formerly they had not been necessary. To meet the demand during 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920 almost \$16,500,000 worth of pennies were coined. Then the coinage of pennies dropped sharply for a few years, but during each of the last five years more than \$1,800,000 worth of new ones have been made.

Is It?

The Toronto Globe recently made the statement that what they believed to be the oldest coin in the history of the world—one of the shekels which was currency in the days of Moses, and which we find first mentioned in Genesis, the oldest book of the world had been recently discovered at Kingston, Ont. As for authority on this well-versed numismatists can ascertain whether or not the honor goes to Kingston.

The coin is in the possession of Colonel Kenlis L. Stevenson, who three years ago came from England to Canada and settled in Kingston, where he has been identified with the Students' Union at Queen's University.

Mr. Stevenson is a world famous archaeologist from that mysterious land of the dim past, Iraq, in which is located the Garden of Eden and other interesting and historical places.

The historic coin now reposes in a display window in Kingston, and prizes have been offered to sales clerks and young people of the city to guess its exact date. It is said that during the past few weeks there has been more studying of Bibles than ever before in the history of Kingston in order that the exact date of the coin might be ascertained.

Currency, in the form of bank notes, was issued as early as the ninth century.

Not Worth a Rap

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

The demand for small change in Ireland about 1721-22 caused many counterfeit coins to be struck and circulated of such bad material that what passed for half-penny was not worth half a farthing. Many termed these "raps" and the expressions often used was then originated "Not worth a rap."

The U. S. Coins and currency have been counterfeited and circulated until intercepted by the authorities and others, but some find their way and are tucked away in the cases of some of the numismatists as curious and "Not worth a rap" along with the freak or mistruck coins.

Generally the counterfeit coins, according to the chief coin expert of the sub-treasury, are detected by feeling, weighing and appearance.

The rare dated coins, which all Numismatists desire, are occasionally counterfeited, such as the 1804 dollar, or some other denomination, but such work is generally done by an expert who alters the figures in the date of a similar type coin of less value so as to give an appearance of the genuine rare coin. The counterfeits of other types are of minor interest to the numismatist.

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Early Iowa Currency

(Continued from the July issue)

By M. SORENSEN

THE coin current in the early days was of many varieties. Coins of foreign countries had formed a large part of the circulating medium in the early history of the United States. Congress had enacted that the gold coins of foreign countries should be legal tender in all payments by weight. These laws making foreign coin legal tender were not repealed until 1857. The gold coins current in Iowa included American gold coins, English sovereigns, French and Spanish gold coins; while the silver coins most prevalent were Spanish milled dollars and quarters, Mexican dollars, and French five-franc pieces. The smaller coin, however, was not current in the State: half-cent, cent and three-cent pieces were seldom seen—the latter is described as being “in church-plates and at the post-office.”

Scarcity of a circulating medium and the profits secured through note issue led Iowa bankers and other citizens or corporations to adopt various methods of evading the constitutional provision against the issue of such notes—which added to the general confusion of circulation. Of the substitutes for legitimate bank notes, four types are distinguishable—Nebraska-Iowa bank notes; A. J. Stevens money; scrip issued by cities, counties or other minor political subdivisions; and scrip issued by corporations.

A previous article described how Iowa bankers and others established banks of issue in Nebraska and brought the notes into Iowa for circulation. The Western Exchange, Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which was chartered in 1855, issued a great volume of notes in 1856, according to one statement there were more of the notes of this bank in circulation in Iowa than of any other. Early in the crisis of 1857 it went under and its notes became worthless.

Other very common currency in Iowa just preceding the panic of 1857 were notes of the Agricultural Bank of Tennessee. In 1855 Andrew J. Stevens of Des Moines be-

came prominent in land speculation. He induced James Callahan and S. R. Ingham of New York to join him in the banking firm of A. J. Stevens & Company. They bought the charter of the Agricultural Bank of Tennessee and began to circulate its notes in Iowa by making loans to land buyers. They agreed to redeem the notes when presented, the notes being stamped on their face with the firm name. The bank went down early in the crash of 1857 and its notes became worthless.

A third type of circulating medium which was “made in Iowa” was the scrip of various cities, townships and counties. This was issued to pay current expenses of the political subdivision. It was printed in the size and style of bank notes in denomination of one, two, three, five and ten dollars. This scrip was payable on demand to bearer and circulated freely for a time, though not far from home.

Corporations of the State were not slow in following the practice of the bankers and the cities in their contribution to the circulating medium of Iowa. One of the most interesting examples of this kind is the Burrows and Prettyman scrip, issued by that firm in Davenport. This concern had a large general store in Davenport and a flouring mill at Rockingham. It later extended its business to include the buying of pork and produce, and the operation of a cooper shop in connection with the pork-packing establishment. During the winter the river was frozen and no shipping was possible. Money was tight and media of exchange scarce, but the buyer of farm products needed a large amount of cash or credit to handle this business. During the winter of 1853-1854 Burrows and Prettyman made a record pack of 19,000 hogs and bought large quantities of wheat. The banks being unable to finance these operations, Burrows and Prettyman began to issue checks payable in the spring when they should have realized cash for their products. This

worked so well that in the following year they prepared beautifully engraved notes, resembling bank notes, and paid out \$100,000 of these notes for produce. These notes soon became an important part of the local circulation.

An excellent description of the method of issuing the scrip has been written by Hiram Price, later President of the State Bank of Iowa and one of the most substantial financiers of that time. He says: "I have a very distinct recollection of seeing the chief member of the firm carrying in his hat (a large bell-crown, such as our Uncle Samuel is represented as wearing) whole printed sheets, resembling bank bills, of what was called the money of the firm and in his vest pocket a pair of scissors, so that whenever and wherever he was met on the street or other places he was prepared to pay in this currency for wheat or pork, or any other legal claim, by and what for the time being passed as 'money,' and with his scissors cutting off the necessary sum to liquidate the claim."

The gentleman of the large hat lived in a house "set on a hill," and his coach was the envy of his less prosperous neighbors. But the career of these "wild cats" was ended in the panic of 1857 and they caused some stormy scenes in Davenport.

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Mint Converted Into Jail

Plans were recently made to convert the United States government building at New Orleans, La., into a jail for short-term prisoners. The remodeling is expected to cost \$80,000.

Far East Collection

When John Reilly, Jr., died in New York a few months ago he left a collection of Far Eastern coins that some claim to be one of the largest of its kind in the world. Mr. Reilly spent nine years at Princeton University, gathering M. S., C. E. and E. E. degrees. He spent a considerable part of his life, however, collecting coins, and turned over about 30,000 of them to the American Numismatic Society before he died.

U. S. currency is printed with 98 pounds of ink on every 100 pounds of paper. Each sheet of paper money is counted 18 times, 15 by hand and three times by machine.

Four Billion German Marks Made Into Wrapping Paper

Four billion German marks are being turned into neat brownish wrapping paper it is said. Something like 400 cubic meters of bank notes will yield around \$3,000 worth of wrapping paper.

For nearly thirteen years Germany and Belgium have been haggling over those wrapping paper billions. In the days following the armistice the Belgian government exchanged its own good bank notes for all the paper currency the German occupation army had left in Belgium. Germany refused reimbursement for those marks. The Belgians never ceased clamoring for an adequate sum in exchange for those now worthless billions. As late as 1929, when the Young plan fixed up a good many other things, Belgium obtained recognition of her claim.

Something like \$4,000,000 German paper marks thus slumbered since 1918 in the basement values of the Brussels National Bank. Germany and Belgium agreed in July, 1929, to destroy those useless marks as soon as Germany would make her first payment on this special account.

German government delegates arrived in Brussels not so long ago, and had the 144,176,205 bank notes, representing a total of 3,864,627,888 marks, taken to a paper factory near Brussels.

Of course, it would have been a waste to burn those 4,000,000,000 on some public square. A paper factory was asked to turn the 140 tons of marks into wrapping paper.—Edwin Brooks.

Junk Chinese Coins

The Chinese copper, still the major monetary unit among the working classes of interior China, has declined from a medium of exchange to the status of junk.

As a result of the slump in silver, coppers have so little purchasing power that they are being shipped out of the country by dealers in old metal.

They go in huge lots to Japan, where they are melted down and used in the manufacture of electric wiring.

English "Cartwheel" Coin Called Unlucky

Superstition explains a London news note, may have given the \$2.00 bill a bad name in the United States, but it has also got the "five-bob" piece in bad in England. Only a limited number of these silver "cartwheels," somewhat larger than a silver dollar, are now minted. They have become numismatic curios. There are a few hardy souls, individuals who are not afraid of walking under a ladder, or using one match to light three cigarettes, who carry them about as good luck pieces.

The English barmaid is, however, the most timorous person about receiving one of them, for it has come to be associated with the imminent loss of a job. The keeper of a small shop, if proffered a "cartwheels," will look over it carefully and chuckle a bit incredulously.

The most pathetic sight seen recently was a young and enthusiastic numismatist without a dollar in the world to pursue his hobby. His collection at the moment consist of four uncirculated Lincoln pennies.—Kansas City Star.

The monetary system of the Hebrews was based upon the Babylonion system of weights. The ratio of the value of gold to silver was 1:13 1-3 and prevailed over all western Asia.

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Study of Numismatics

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

In view of the vast and scholarly literature on the subject including catalogues of great collections, public and private, records of Numismatic Societies' transactions, and other data, one may wonder at the comparative newness of numismatics in this country. That wonder will dwindle, however, when consideration is given to the comparative newness of archaeology as a whole on this continent. Very few of the larger universities of the country have yet been able to provide themselves with professorships of archaeology, and a department so special as numismatics could hardly be expected to have secured a large attention. Yet, as before stated, interest in the subject is rapidly increasing; in some of the universities occasional courses of lectures on the Greek or Roman coinages are now offered. There has been a remarkable increase in the number of institutions reporting collections of ancient and modern coins and the interest shown by the public by objects embraced in the collection.

There has been a noticeable advance, also, in the knowledge and appreciation of coinages produced in the last seven centuries, and particularly within the last decade, knowledge of the historical significance and cultural value of coins has been widely disseminated among our people. Decidedly marked is the improved taste for the medal, the artistic character of which is far more widely insisted upon than heretofore.

Coins are often the only historical records that we have of nations that have long passed away, and which would have been buried in oblivion but for the coins which bear the names and portraits of the rulers, and record of events relating to their history.

Holding one of these coins in our hand we become intimate with the monarch of the country and the period in which it was issued. We can see the countenance of those famous for victories and achievements, nobleness and generosity, or baseness and malignity. His history is brought clearly before us and we can imagine his

actions performed anew and follow him through the rise and fall of his power.

The progress made in art and civilization can be seen in the coinage of each country. In the well advanced collection there will be specimens denoting the refinement or barbarism of a people. The crude shapeless coins as a rule indicate a low state of civilization, while artistic, well finished pieces show a corresponding elevation of ideas and tastes.

Numismatics is indeed a fascinating and instructive pastime, inculcating in us the habits of order. Aside from cultural advantages, the practice of numismatics has its renumerative rewards, as has been fully demonstrated by those who have collected in the past, because the value of rare coins increases from year to year.

An American Girl's Face on the U. S. Penny for Forty-Four Years

By JAMES FRANCIS CONNELL

Miss Sarah Longacre, when a girl of twelve, accompanied her father, Mr. James Barton Longacre, to the mint at Philadelphia, and it happened that on this day a group of Indians were being shown through. A chief, attracted by the girl, placed his feathered headgear on her head. Mr. Longacre, the girl's father, was so impressed by her striking appearance that he made a sketch of her, which was afterwards used as the design on the pennies, beginning with the 1836 issue, and ending with the coinage of the Lincoln penny.

A lady living in Falls City, Neb., celebrated her ninetieth birthday this month, August) and at the gathering she re-told the story and incident to her friends, of her famous and distant relative, Mrs. Sarah Longacre Keen.

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The lady whose memory revealed the facts, is Mrs. Sarah Peck, a lone survivor of a family of fourteen children. Her brother, who was ninety-nine, died last year. Several other members of the family lived past the ninety year mark.

This is the story and the facts, of how a little girl of twelve, through a trivial incident, was fortunate enough to have her likeness reproduced a greater number of times, than any other living or deceased woman whose image has appeared on metal coinage.

Sharks furnish the money in the South Sea islands, where their teeth are used for currency. Here, says the Joplin News Herald, others furnish it to the sharks.

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Dominican Rep., 1¼ cent, N.—V. G.	.40	France, 25 centimes, H., re.—V. F.	.20
Dominican Rep., 2½ cent, N.—F. 40c, G.	.30	France, 25 cent., N., 22 cor.—V. F.	.25
Dominican Rep., 10 cent., N.—V. G.	.25	France, 50 centimes, S., old type—F. 40c—G.	.30
Dominican Rep., 20 cent, S.—F.	.30	France, 50 centimes, S., new type—V. V. 20c—V. G.	.15
Danzig Free City, 10 pfg., N.—V. F.	.15	France, 50 cent., B., Em. coin—F.	.15
Danish West Indies, 3 cents, S. (now U. S.)—F.	.25	France, ½ franc, S.—F.	.40
Danish West Indies, 25 Bit. N. now U. S.)—V. F.	.25	France, 1 franc, S., ab. \$¼Z—F.	.25
Denmark, 1 R. shilling, C., old—V. G.	.25	France, 1 franc, B., Cham. Com., \$¼Z—F.	.25
Denmark, 1 ore, C., new type—V. F. to U.	.10	France, 2 francs, B., Cham. Com.—F.	.50
Denmark, 2 ore, B., old type—F.	.10	France, 2 francs, S., ab. \$½Z—F.	.45
Denmark, 2 ore, B., recent—F.	.10	France, 5 francs, S., Louis Phillip, \$Z—F.	1.25
Denmark, 2 ore, B., present—F.	.10	France, 5 francs, C., Nap. III, \$Z—F.	1.25
Denmark, 2 ore, L., obsolete, emergency—F.	.20	France, 5 francs, S., 3rd Rep., \$Z—F.	1.25
Denmark, 5 ore, B., \$½Z—F.	.15	France, 1 double, B., ab. 1625, sc.—G.	.35
Denmark, 10 ore, N., recent—V. F.	.15	France, 1 centime, B., of Fr. Rev.—V. F.	.15
Denmark, 25 ore, S., Christian—F.	.25	France, 2 centimes, B., recent—F.	.10
Denmark, 1 krone, S., Chr. X—F.	.40	France, 50 centimes, B., Cham. Com., —F.	.20
Ecuador, 5 centavos, N., 1917-18—F.	.15	Finland, 1 penni, C., un. Russia—V. F. 25c—G.	.20
Ecuador, 5 centavos, N., 1919-20, sm.—F.	.15	Finland, 5 penni, C., un. Russia—V. F.	.25
Ecuador, 10 centavos, S., recent—F.	.20	Finland, 5 penni, C., new type—F. 15c—G.	.10
Egypt, 2 miliames, N.—V. F.	.15	Finland, 10 penni, C., \$½Z un. Russia—F.	.20
Egypt, 5 miliames, N.—V. F.	.15	Finland, 25 penni, S., new type—V. F.	.25
Egypt un. Gr. Britain, 10 cent Br. Em.—F.	.15	Finland, 1 markka, N. Rep., \$¼Z—F.	.20
Esthonia, 1 marka, N. (3 lions)—V. F. 20c—F.	.15	Gt. Britain, 1 farth., B., Geo. IV—G.	.15
Esthonia, 3 markas, N. (3 lions)—V. F. 20—F.	.20	Gt. Britain, 1 farth., B., Vic.—F.	.15
East India Company, 1 cent, C., \$¼Z—F.	.25	Gt. Britain, 1 farth., B., Ed. VII—F.	.10
East India Company, old cop. coin, \$½Z—G.	.25	Gt. Britain, 1 farth., B., Geo. V—F.	.05
Egypt, 5 parra, S.—F. 15c—V. G.	.10	Gt. Britain, ½ penny, B., Geo. III—F.	.20
Egypt, 10 parras, S.—F. 15c—V. G.	.10	Gt. Britain, ¼ penny, B., Geo. IV—F.	.25
Egypt, 10 millemes, N. (un. Gr. Britain), large, Sc.—G.	.25	Gt. Britain, ½ penny, B., Vic.—F.	.20
France, 5 centimes, C., Nap. III—F. 15c—G.	.10	Gt. Britain, ½ penny, B., Geo. V—F.	.10
France, 5 centimes, C., Lib. head—F.	.10	Gt. Britain, 1 penny, B., Geo. III—F.	.25
France, 5 centimes, N., recent—V. F.	.10	Gt. Britain, 1 penny, B., Geo. IV—F.	.25
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France, 10 cent., C., of Fre. Rev., \$½Z—V. G.	.25	Gt. Britain, 1 penny, B., Vic.—F.	.20
France, 10 centimes, N., recent—F.	.10	Gt. Britain, 1 penny, B., Ed. VII—F.	.10
France, 10 cent., C., Nap. III, \$½Z—F.	.15	Gt. Britain, 1 penny, B., Geo. V—F.	.10
France, 10 cent., C., Lib. heads, \$½Z—F.	.10	Gt. Britain, 3 pence, S., good type—G.	.35
		Gt. Britain, 3 pence, S., recent—F.	.15
		Gt. Britain, 6 pence, S.—F.	.20
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Autographs (Cont'd from page 22)

Woodbridge and Capt. A. Roy Brown being given credit for this feat, you see it discussed that an Australian should receive it, so you see that I am as much at a loss as any one else regarding it."

Signed: Edward V. Rickenbacker

I also received a fine personally signed photo of this noted American Ace, and also many of his autographs.

William Allen White, noted author, who reigns in the office of his newspaper in Emporia, Kansas, wrote me the following:

Dear Mr. Bensman:

"I have your letter saying that you have read my book, a fiction, like any other novel. Of course there is no basis for it in fact whatever. You ask if I could give you some pointers on writing a news story or a book. Whole libraries are devoted to answering your question.

"I am glad you liked my editorial on Mary White. It is not a poem. I am enclosing the copy of my paper you desire.

"Thank you so much for your interest in my work."

Sincerely yours,

Signed: W. A. White

Sometimes celebrities do not answer my requests for signed photographs. In cases

of this sort, I usually clip a newspaper photo of the person, mount on cardboard, and send it to him or her requesting, "Please sign the enclosed photo or send another." The majority of celebrities will do so. This is a letter of the late Nicholas Longworth, which illustrates the point:

My dear Mr. Bensman:

"Your letter of recent date is received. I do not care particularly for the small pasteboard mounted photo you sent with your letter, so I am sending you under separate cover a photograph which I think is a better one."

Signed: Nicholas Longworth

On the photograph which Mr. Longworth sent was inscribed these words:

"For David Bensman with the cordial regards of Nicholas Longworth."

Ancient Chinese idols are being turned into swords for use in modern warfare, according to a report from Kaifeng, Honan.

The idols were discovered in an old temple, made of brass and iron. Local military leaders decided the metal should be used for swords. It looks like "the old order changeth."—E. Brooks.

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Number 21—Who knows the value of an old wedding ring with inscription engraved within the ring, "Martin Luther—Catherine A. Bora, a nun." Supposed to be given some time during the year 1499. The form of Christ on the cross and various other emblems are engraved on the outside?

Number 22—A California suscribers wonders if these have any value: "An old book—Laws of the Republic of Pennsylvania, 1807, printed in German, containing 766 pages. Patent grant on parchment paper to Out Lot 47 in Vanango Co., Pennsylvania, near the city of Franklin, Pa. Deed is dated July 2, 1806 and contains the signature of the reigning Governor of Pennsylvania at that time, also other signatures."

Number 23—An Ohio reader wonders if the following books have value. "Letters to a Young Lady on a course of English Poetry—by J. Aiken, M. D. Printed in London" for J. Johnson, St. Pauls Churchyard by R. Taylor, Black-Horse Court, 1804. "Sanders Fourth Reader" published by Mark H. Newman & Company No. 109 Broadway, Buffalo.

Number 24—An Illinois subscriber would like to have this answered: "Is a Spanish coin dated 1782 with the following inscription,

'CARIOUS III DEI-GRATIA on face and the following on back HISPAN-ETIND-REX—2 R-F-F of any value?"

"Williams Travelers Guide Through the United States and Canada," published in 1852—"A Journey Through the Chinese Empire," 1855—"The Journal of American Agriculture Vol. 1 No. 1," published in 1881—"The Young Sailer," 1854. Do these books have any value?

Number 25—"I have Volume 3, No. 5 of the Klondike Nugget, July 19, 1899, also the center double page of the Christian Herald and Signs of our Times dated August 9, 1899. On the center pages of the two latter are pictures of the then rulers of the world grouped for the purported first peace conference. Fourteen in all." Will someone appraise these please?

Number 26—An Ohio reader asks: "What monetary system has the Irish Free State? Have they issued Gold Coins. The same question for China also." Who will answer this?

Number 27—An Illinois reader has an old Stradivarious violin dated 1725 and bearing the word "Faciebat." Does this instrument have any value and what is the meaning of the word "Faciebat?"

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NUMISMATICS



Notes From The A. N. A. Convention

Reported by C. L. HUNTLEY

The 39th Annual Convention of the A. N. A. was held at the Netherland Plaza Hotel, in Cincinnati from August 29 to Sept. 3 under the auspices of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association. Under the direction of H. A. Brand, chairman, a program filled with interest for each visitor had been arranged including special features for the ladies. Each day was filled with interesting trips to different sections of historic Cincinnati, including visits to the Zoo, Alms and Ault Parks, Eden Park, Art Academy and Museum, Rookwood Pottery, and many others. One of the high lights was a trip up the Ohio to Coney Island bringing a reminder of the "Old River Days" on that famous stream.

The exhibit of course was the chief point of interest as manifested by the crowds which came early in the morning and continued until late each evening. A display of the monies from every part of the world well repaid those that came to see the history of all nations as depicted by their coinage. Experts were on hand to advise those that sought information regarding any coins that they wished to have valued.

President Geo. Bauer stated that Cincinnati had probably staged the most successful convention in the history of the A. N. A. and that it reflected great credit upon the Cincinnati Association members for their advance publicity and the untiring efforts of their various committees.

The convention came to a close Sept. 3, preceeded by the annual banquet held the evening before in the Hall of Mirrors, Netherland Plaza, with Elmer S. Sears acting as toastmaster. An entertainment and dancing followed.

The various delegates voted to recommend to the Board of Governors that the

next convention be held in Los Angeles.

The vote on officers resulted in the election of the following for the coming year.

President, Geo. J. Bauer, N. Y.; 1st Vice-President, L. A. Renaud, Canada; 2nd Vice-President, Harvey L. Hansen, Calif.; General Secretary, Harry T. Wilson, Ill.; Treasurer, Geo. H. Blake, N. J.; Librarian and Curator, Chas. W. Foster, N. Y.; Chairman of the Board of Governors, Nelson T. Thorson, Neb.; Board of Governors, Moritz Wormser, N. Y.; Wm. A. Phillpot, Jr., Tex; Harley L. Freeman, Ohio.; Herbert A. Brand, Ohio.

The Exhibits

Crowds thronged the parlor of the Netherland Plaza Hotel where the exhibits of coins of the countries of the world past and present were on display. Neatly arranged with descriptive cards, in glass covered cases, the history of nations, their rise and fall, was recorded in their coinage. The crowds attending seemed to sense the full meaning of the story that some of the old Greek and Roman coins could tell, a story perhaps 2000 years old, and viewed them something akin to awe.

The collection of George J. Bauer, president of the A. N. A. was one of the centers of attraction with its beautiful gold, silver and bronze pieces dating back to the golden age of numismatics in Greece 400 B. C. The array of coins 2000 to 2400 years old bearing the heads of Greek gods and Roman Emperors all seemed as bright as the day of their mintage. The period of beautiful Greek coins dates from 425 to 300 B. C. and corresponds to her great era in art and sculpture. The fate of Greece and Rome can be traced in her coinage. The fine Roman coinage of the days of the great



Visitors at the American Numismatic Association Convention, August 29 to September 3.

Roman emperors dwindles to the very poor coinage of the era of Roman decadence just before her collapse.

Mr. Bauer's collection includes the famous and rare ten drachma of ancient Greece, one of the finest specimens of coinage in existence, a sample of which recently sold for \$5,000 in Europe. It also includes a widow's mite, struck at the time of Pontius Pilate and Herod as well as ancient coins of Rome, commemorating the fall of Jerusalem. The rare gold Jewish Shekel attracted much attention.

The display of paper money of Albert A. Grinnell of Detroit, Mich., was of absorbing interest. His array of earliest Cincinnati paper money from 1875 up to date in denomination of \$1.00 up to \$100.00 issued by different banks some of which were long out of existence was most complete. Here also were bills bearing Charter No. 1 issued by the First National Bank of Philadelphia the first National Bank authorized by the Government in 1863 to issue paper money. Other specimens of early charters were New Haven (No. 2), Youngstown, Ohio (No. 3) and the First National of Chicago (Charter No. 4).

One rare piece consisted of uncut sheet of 3—\$1.00 bills and a \$2.00 marked sheet No. 1 issued by the First National of Jacksonville, Ill. in 1865. Another on the same bank consisted of 3—\$10.00 and a \$20.00 bill, an uncut sheet also marked No. 1 and signed in pen and ink.

An uncut sheet issued by the National Bank bearing the longest name, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Cooperative National Bank of Cleveland was shown.

Still another uncut sheet of 4—\$5.00 bills issued by the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, Mo., bore the serial No. 444444—surely a lucky piece.

A \$20.00 note of the series of 1882 was issued by the Bank of North America of Philadelphia, the only national bank chartered by the government without the word national appearing in name.

One of the rarities was a Federal Reserve Bank Note on New York with a \$2.00 face and a \$1.00 on back or reverse side.

Another display which attracted the crowds was that of Ragnar L. Cederlund, member of the Chicago Coin Club. The exhibit consisted of Swedish plate money so called because of its shape (usually square)

and of extreme size and weight. This money was in use in the 17th and 18th centuries and was made of solid slabs of copper of a value stamped on their face with dies. The higher values weighed as much as 30 to 35 pounds and were carried usually in saddle bags or leather pouches.

The descriptions on several of the pieces were as follows:

(Ruler) Gistina—1632-1654. 1 Daler-Solff-MNT 1650. Struck at Avesta Mint—center die stamp has the mint-makers initials M. K. for Marcus Kock—divided by a shield (an extremely rare piece).

(Ruler) Carl XI—1660-1697. 1 Daler Solff MYT 1662. Struck at Avesta Mint. Center stamp has the mint masters mark (arrow on a shield) between two Stars (very rare.)

(Ruler) Carl XII—1697-1718. 1 Daler S. M. 1715. Center stamp. Avesta-Mint. Counter-Stamped. Obverse with shield of Gotha 1718 in Stockholm, indicating the plate was lowered with one-third of its former face value also counter-stamped later in year 1718 on the Reverse side with arms of Svea, indicating the plate was raised again to its former face value. Very rare.

Mr. Cederlund's exhibit also included, 14 pieces of silver siege coin from Landau (1702) struck by the French General Count de Melac from his personal table silver and dishes (all very rare).

In another case was a most complete collection of early Cincinnati money which was displayed by H. A. Brand of Cincinnati. There was the dollar-bill issued by Cincinnati's first bank as well as the first one in Ohio, the Miami Exporting Co. opened in 1803. An item of great interest was a well preserved specimen of possibly the first money produced in the early Cincinnati settlement, known as the Miami Land Warrants issue by John Cleves Symmes. These bits of money measuring three by five entitled the bearer to one-quarter section of 160 acres in the Miami Purchase. They were signed by John Cleves Symmes and were accepted at face value in exchange for goods. This specimen is dated April 30, 1788 and is numbered No. 114 and endorsed as follows. This warrant is paid for all to 25 dollars and 60/90th in No. 113 of 160 including 8 Dol 3/90 paid in No. 346 of 640.

The display of T. James Clark was a wonderful array of early U. S. Colonials which alone could have told a pretty complete story of New England history if they could have talked. Irish Gun money, German porcelain money, and a collection of U. S. cents famous for its completeness were other parts of this priceless collection worth many thousands of dollars.

John E. Morse, Mass., featured his famous collection of items pertaining to the life of Lincoln. Paper money bearing the martyred presidents features were shown on many denominations of early date. Mourning badges made at the time of his death, coins, postage stamps, medals and Medallions were in profusion and all of great historical interest. Lincoln own signature neatly framed was another item in this marvelous display of Lincolniana.

Farran Zerbe curator of the Chase National Bank collection of monies from all over the world had on display among other rare items, an original specimen of the famous Russian ruble in copper (1771), the only one known in the U. S. It is circular in shape and measures three inches in diameter and 1 inches in thickness. Mr. Zerbe was kept busy answering questions and identifying coins when in the display room as he is no doubt one of the best authorities in America.

The display of Waldo C. Moore, Ohio, included over 100 specimens of the \$3.00 bill issued by banks of early days all over the country. The recent story syndicated in the daily papers throughout the country relating the story of the find of a \$3.00 bill and telling of its priceless rarity would not stand up after viewing Mr. Moore's collection. However some of his were very rare and issued by banks long since forgotten. Another interesting case shown in this lot were some fine specimens of the scarce encased postage currency used in Civil war days when small change was hard to find. The postage stamps of that period were encased in circular metal discs and used in lieu of the regular coinage.

J. M. Kean, Calif., had on exhibit a part of his collection, famous on the Pacific Coast, which is rich in early colonials and early Chinese. Here you could see the rare Chinese Sycee, Horse of Larissa, Chinese Key, Bell, and Gold Fish Bowl Money, all early coinage. Also the rare 11 Circles coin of Japan called Bun-Kyee Ei-ho (Ever-

lasting treasure) truly a collection to interest even the layman.

Nelson S. Hopkins, N. Y., showed a part of his collection of medals issued by various Massachusetts Communities to celebrate the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary, and is the next to the best in the country. Also his complete assortment of U. S. Army Decoration with exception of highest ranks as well as the Decoration of the Legion of Honor and Victoria Cross.

Other Exhibits

Henry H. Thul, Ohio—Historical documents including some bearing the signatures of Lincoln and Queen Victoria.

E. J. Woodgate, N. Y.—Complete collection of U. S. one-half dollars from 1794 up to late fifties all uncirculated with one or two exceptions and including the rare one of 1796 which is worth several hundreds of dollars.

Geo. A. Gillette, Ia.—One of the most interesting of the displays. Over seventy of the coins of Ceylon, India, Afghanistan and other Eastern countries all bearing the picture of an elephant. Mr. Gillette has travelled all over the world in his search for the scarce and unusual in the coins of the world.

W. O. Crosswhite, Ohio—Fine display of U. S. large cents and U. S. half-dollars.

Robert H. Lloyd, N. Y.—Many items of interest in rare U. S. money.

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Nelson S. Hopkins, New York, was said to have a specimen of the rare Latin quarter. Several of the uninitiated thought they had missed something before the joke was explained. Chas. W. Foster, New York, Librarian and Curator of the A. N. A. did some nifty card tricks at the banquet. We remember one banquet where an amateur magician broke an egg in our hat and then forgot the rest of the trick. But Buck's tricks were more reasonable.

J. H. Hardwick, from way down south, Georgia, and who's vice-president of the Atlanta N. A. said that things were looking up in his society and interest on the increase.

Among those missed were Benjamin B. DuBose, Georgia; F. C. C. Boyd, New York; Barney Bluestone, New York; D. C. Wismer, Pennsylvania; Wm. Rabin, Pennsylvania; Hugh Clark, New York; W. W. Winters, Minnesota; Don Romano, Massachusetts; E. M. Hoefel, Missouri; Hugh Zimmerman, New York, and Elmer Nelson, Washington, D. C.

Many sent telegrams with wishes of success for the convention.

The convention proceedings was a very attractive book, which will be a valuable addition for any numismatic library. It contains a most complete history of the early Cincinnati and Ohio currency. Copies can be obtained from H. A. Brand, president, Cincinnati Numismatic Association, 1332 Union Trust

Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio. The price is \$1.00 per copy.

Max Mehl returned from a vacation in Hawaii just in time for the convention. His trip to the island was not a total loss as revealed by some of the fine coins which he purchased there. A beautiful set of encased postage United States was a sample of the good things.

Chas. Marcus was on hand early, it being his "steenth" A. N. A. Convention as the many bars on his badge indicated.

President Geo. J. Bauer, New York, was much sought after by the Cincinnati newspaper men for stories on his exhibit of early Greece and Roman coins. They surely deserved it.

Ragnar Cederlund's trip was a complete success. He finally landed a five-kopek piece.

Henry Chapman, Pennsylvania, was one of those who was missed. He sent a wire wishing success to the convention.

Mrs. Thelma Miller, Chicago, proved herself a numismatist and knows her coins. She was an active bidder at the auction.

Farran Zerbe was hard to see in the exhibit parlors. When anyone wanted a coin identified they were referred to him, and he was surrounded at all times as a result.

H. A. Brand, chairman, had his hands full keeping the crowd together on the trips to the Zoo and Coney Island, so that none would be left behind. The games and rides at Coney Island proved attractive to many.

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Dr. Geo. French, New York, was in demand for the story about the travelling man in the pullman and "others."

Harry Wilson, secretary, had a crowd following him around and had as many as six talking to him at once.

J. James Clark, New York, started out to buy everything offered at the auction, but finally relented and let some of the other bidders have a chance.

The bids of six "bits" and two "bucks" were quickly interpreted by Auctioneer **Wm. Sunday** and their equivalent announced in American money without any interruption in the auction.

R. O. Powells, Chicago, went golfing and those privileged to see his score declared he showed wonderful will power in not breaking all his clubs.

It was rumored that one bidder at the auction could not resist buying some coins that he had wanted for a long time and was hitchhiking back home. Should have played safe and bought a round trip.

Waldo C. Morse, poet and numismatist, and **Dr. J. M. Henderson**, Ohio, reception committee did a fine job and welcomed those who were strangers at the convention.

Nelson T. Thorson, chairman of the board, received word from Omaha that his house had been broken in, and returned home Wednesday to take inventory of damage done.

Moritz Wormser, New York, carried his hand in a sling—result of a broken arm and had to shake hands with his left one, but that did not effect his hearty greetings to each and everyone.

L. A. Renaud, Montreal, displayed a portfolio of photograph of rare medals and medallions of early date, some which he hoped to procure while at the convention. Mr. Renaud is the present vice-president of the A. N. A. and curator of a Canadian museum.

M. H. Bolender, Illinois, had to hurry home to superintend one of the largest auction of

coins he had ever scheduled. It was dated for September 4 and contained many fine rare pieces.

Frank G. Duffield, manager and publisher of the *Numismatist*, official organ of the A. N. A., was a familiar figure and may well be proud of his splendid magazine which is a credit to the association.

The Ladies Committee included Mesdames **H. A. Brand**, **Wm. J. Schultz**, **Chas. H. Thul**, **Waldo C. Moore**, **Wm. H. Schwarz** and **Galen M. Lyons**, and gave the visiting ladies a real welcome. Many nice things were planned and all left Cincinnati with pleasant thoughts of their reception while there.

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NUMISMATICS



Where Do the Cents Go?

By H. A. BRAND

DO you know that there were 277,000,000 cents produced by the U. S. Government in 1929? Do you know that in 1928 182,552,000 were produced and in 1927 185,886,000? Does it seem possible that so many cents are in circulation? Yes, and many more. Uncle Sam has produced 5,921,286,327 cents since 1793 when the first ones were coined. These early cents were almost as large as the half dollars we are now using and are not in circulation at the present time. They have been turned in and the few remaining are in collectors' hands. But where did the large bulk of them go—173,683,644 were placed in circulation? The smaller nickel cents that took their place in 1856 and were issued until 1864 have also disappeared. And yet, over 257,974,000 were issued. I have not seen any in circulation for many years but I would like to call the reader's attention to the Indian head bronze cent that was replaced by the Lincoln head cent in 1909. How many do you see in circulation today? Between the years of 1864 when they were first introduced and 1909 when they were discontinued the mints produced 1,616,264,000. Search for them in your pockets now. How many do you find? Suppose you retain all you receive in circulation. It will take you months and perhaps a year to gather 100 of them. They are going and soon will disappear like the nickel cents and the large cents that preceded them. Do you realize since the introduction of the Lincoln cent just about twenty years ago, that approximately 3,873,264,683 have been issued. Try to find some of the early dates, say 1909, 1910 and 1911, where are they? Where do our cents go? It is true that many of us do hoard them, but they are placed back in circulation some times, unless the hoard

is lost but it is more likely that the cents are lost individually rather than in a lot. How many times have we heard some one say upon dropping a coin, "It is only a cent, let it lay." Many of those cents are never picked up, but surely they cannot all be lost. Where do they go? Many of us remember that we were pleased to have cents given to us for running errands, being good, leaving the room when sister had her beau, but how many of us can use the same persuasive methods on the children of today? The price has gone up. How I envy those kids in the days of the large coppers. When they received a cent then, it meant something as the possession was worth while—but those were the days when a man married and raised a family and bought a home on \$6.00 per week and saved money too.

But to get back to cents. In spite of all that have been produced, we have experienced actual shortages of them from time to time but particularly during the panic of 1837 to 1839 when many of the merchants issued coins resembling cents in size and thickness but bearing the merchant's name and address. These were generally accepted by the public, who was glad to have these substituted to make change.

Again in 1861 to 1865 during the Civil War, minor coinage of all kinds was hoarded and merchants again issued coins similar to cents, payable at their stores. During the years of 1917 and 1918 there was another great shortage of cents because of the increased demand for odd change due to war tax on so many articles and pleasures we bought. The government tried hard to keep the supply up to the demand but the demand was so much greater than the supply in certain locali-

ties, that local substitutes were pressed into circulation. At Lewisburg, Ohio, the local bank issued bits of paper worth one cent each. At Savannah, Ga., small metal

rimmed paper tags worth one cent were circulated. But the demand keeps on—each year the Government is forced to issue more cents. Where do they go?

Currencies of the Americas

THE Department of Commerce has recently issued a monetary review, "Metal and Paper Currencies of the Americas," of thirty-nine countries and colonies in the Americas. Among the interesting data revealed is that the United States gold dollar is legal tender in twenty countries including the United States and that United States currency is accepted in eight others. Only eleven American countries do not grant legal tender status to or use the United States dollar. Nevertheless it is said, they are glad to secure them for the gold reserves of their respective banks of issue.

Current United States currency comprises gold, silver, nickel and copper coins and five kinds of paper money. The gold coins and standard silver dollars are legal tender for all private and public debts and this is also true of subsidiary silver and minor coins within certain limits, but of the five kinds of paper currency only the gold certificates and United States notes issued by the Treasury have full legal tender value.

All coins ever issued by the United States Government retain their legal tender status except the silver trade dollar authorized by Congress in 1873 and intended for trade use in Mexico and the Orient.

The five kinds of paper currency currently issued and in circulation are: Three Treasury issues—gold certificates, silver certificates and United States notes, and two bank issues—national bank notes and Federal reserve notes. On July 10, 1929, the "New Series" or small size paper cur-

rency was put into circulation by the Treasury, but many notes of the "Old Series" or large size are still outstanding. The detailed table of paper currency outstanding (and in circulation) reveals the fact that on June 30, 1931, one \$10,000 United States note of the "Old Series" and thirteen of the old silver certificates of \$1,000 are still outstanding. Perhaps the lucky owners of these notes are holding them at a premium?

"Metal and Paper Currencies of the Americas," like the two preceding compilations, is used by many government agencies. Because it contains the details of United States currencies it is being supplied by the State Department to the diplomatic missions and consulates of the United States as well as being sent to the representatives of the Commerce Department stationed abroad.

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Like Postum

Frank C. Ross of Kansas City, Mo., carried the following Ad in the August issue:

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Convention Auction

Space in the October issue would not permit a listing of the Numismatic Convention auctions and data pertaining thereto. C. L. Huntley continues his report in this issue, however. "Many items," says Mr. Huntley, "brought out spirited bidding and prices obtained were very satisfactory. Many fine pieces were listed and under the skillful handling of auctioneer 'Billy' Sunday the 160 lots were disposed of in record time."

Consignment B

Prices Obtained	Set of United States Commemorative Half Dollars
\$.70	1892 World's Columbia Exposition, Chicago, unc.
.55	1893 World's Columbia Exposition, Chicago, unc.
1.50	1918 Illinois Centennial, Lincoln Head unc.
1.10	1920 Main Centennial, Lincoln Head, unc.
.85	1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary, unc.
1.00	1921 Pilgrim Tercentenary, unc.
5.25	1921 Missouri without star, rare, unc.
4.15	1921 Missouri with star, rare, unc.
1.80	1921 Alabama with 2 x 2, unc.
2.10	1921 Alabama with 2 x 2, unc.
1.10	1922 Grant without star, unc.
5.75	1922 Grant with star, very rare, unc.
.90	1923 Monroe Doctrine Centennial, unc.
1.40	1924 Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary, unc.
1.25	1925 Lexington-Concord, unc.
.80	1925 Stone Mountain Memorial, unc.
1.30	1925 California Diamond Jubilee, unc.
5.75	1925 Fort Vancouver, very rare, unc.
1.00	1926 Philadelphia Sesquicentennial, unc.
1.70	1926 Oregon Trail, unc.
2.00	1926 Oregon Trail S. Mint, unc.
1.60	1927 Battle of Bennington, unc.
6.75	1928 Capt. Cook, Hawaii, rare, unc.
2.30	1925 Norse-American, unc.

Consignment C

Prices Obtained	
\$ 3.25	1798 Silver Dollar, good.
2.80	1800 Silver Dollar, good.
2.50	1900 LaFayette Silver Dollar, good.
22.00	1907 St. Gauden's Gold, \$20.00, fine.
7.50	1915 Panama Pacific Gold, \$2.50 (scarce), very fine.
3.35	1915 Panama Pacific, \$1.00 unc.
3.25	Another the same.
1.80	1921 Alabama Half Dollar, no cross, unc.
1.50	Another the same.
1.20	1921 Pilgrim Half Dollar, unc.
3.25	1922 Grant Gold, \$1.00, star, unc.
3.10	Another the same.
1.00	1922 Grant Half Dollar, no star, unc. (only 5,000 coined).
1.00	Another the same.
.90	1923 Monroe Half Dollar, unc.
.95	1924 Huguenot Wallon Half Dollar, unc.
5.00	1925 Ft. Vancouver Half Dollar, unc.
1.30	1925 California Half Dollar, unc.
3.00	1926 Sesquicentennial Gold, \$2.50, unc.
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Consignment D

Prices Obtained	Cholce United States Large Cents
\$ 2.50	1794 H 5, rare, light brown, fine.
4.50	1796 G. A, steel color, very fine.
1.50	1796 G. 23 Brown color, a'bt fine.
6.00	1798 D 113 over 1797, rare, reddish brown, very fine.
45.00	1799 D 138, perfect date, very bold date, a very nice specimen of "this rare date," brown and steel, very fine.
2.25	1803 Newcomb No. 8 5 N, bold brown steel, very fine.
3.10	1807 D 205 "comet variety, bold brown steel, very fine.
2.40	1817 A 9½ "tuft on head," rare variety," D'K olive and steel, extra fine.
4.25	1824 A 3 olive steel pract., unc.
2.60	1824 A 4 OBV. the Rev. is "new" not in Andrews, olive ab't, very fine.
16.00	1825 A 9 OBV. with "proof" surface Rev., unc., orange olive, extra fine.
2.20	1826 A 4, orange olive, extra fine.
2.30	1827 A 8 die bread on OBV., D'K olive and steel, extra fine.
4.10	1831 A 3 L'T orange olive, unc.
2.00	1833 A 5, D'K brown and steel, extra fine.
2.40	1835 A 7½ "double profile," rare, olive and steel, extra fine.
2.30	1836 A 3 break at 6th star, L'T orange olive, unc.
2.30	1837 A 4 OBV. full read Rev. a slight stain, red, unc.
2.20	1838 A 4 die break across OBV., rare, olive, unc.
31.00	1839 A 1 over 1836 said to be rarer than 1799, this piece is away above the average for condition and shows OBV. die Break Miller Sale \$69, Thompson \$75, olive and steel, very fine.
1.10	1843 A 6, D'K olive, extra fine.
1.60	1845 A 5 Beautiful irredescent olive, unc.
1.70	1846 A 8, olive and red, unc.
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- 6.00 Gold Aureus of the Emperor Theodosius, bust to right reverse Theodosius and Valentinian seated, very fine.
- 3.00 Gold solidius of Heraclius 610-614 crude portrait facing reverse cross on steps about, fine.

- 3.75 Gold coin fifteenth century of Holland, Sanctus Andreus St. Andrew with cross, fine, interesting piece.
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Liberia, 1 cent, C., man holding tree, F.35	Mexico, 50 cent., S., about \$½Z, F. .	.60
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Luxemburg, 10 cent., N., N. T., V. F. .	.15	Mexico, 8 real, S., F.	1.50
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Woman's Design Selected

Women numismatists throughout the country will, no doubt, favor the decision made by the board of distinguished jurors who selected the design made by Laura Gardin Fraser of New York for the Washington bicentennial medal.

Mrs. Fraser, is the only woman who has designed coins for Uncle Sam's mintage. Among these have been the Alabama Centennial fifty-cent piece, the Fort Vancouver, Oregon Trail and Grant Memorial coins. She also designed the medal for the American Bar Association which is awarded annually for "conspicuous service in the cause of American jurisprudence," a medal for the National Sculpture Society, one for the Society of Medalists, and others. She accounts it a high honor that she herself has been the recipient of the medal of the American Numismatic Society, which is awarded only occasionally for unusual merit.

A Subscriber Writes

Some day you will be asked why coins and medals became so scarce and hard to secure in spite of the fact that collectors guard them so jealously. The following articles via the Associated Press from Montpelier, Vt., is one of the answers. Now that communities have "settled down" civic pride has taken hold. Each community has a museum in connection with its library, college, etc., and they absorb the relics.—Once a relic enters a museum it becomes a "life-termmer." Kansas City has a large public museum and the citizens here have turned hundreds of relics over to it. The same thing is going on all over the country.—F. C. Ross, Kansas City, Mo.

"Sinclair Lewis, novelist, deposited the Nobel prize medal in literature awarded him last year with the Vermont Historical Society today as a permanent loan. The medal will be kept on display in the society's rooms at the state building here.

"Lewis wrote: 'I hope the gift may serve to indicate my affection for this, my adopted state,' when he transmitted the medal today from his home at Barnard. It was presented as a permanent loan he said, 'with the understanding that if I should not by the time of my death, have withdrawn it, it shall become the outright property of the society'."

"In accepting the loan, Ruth Taylor, assistant curator, said, 'The Vermont Historical Society is greatly pleased that you have made it the means of displaying to the public this medal.'

"The Nobel prize was awarded to Lewis in Stockholm last December."

First Dated Dollar

The first dated coin is said to have been issued in Austria in 1482, ten years before the discovery of America. It was an Austrian half crown. The first dated silver dollar, known as a crown, bears the date of 1486, issued by Australia. An illustration of a crowned emperor appears on the obverse.—R. E. G.

A Missouri man who for twenty-eight years has saved all the silver dimes he got and put them in the savings banks paid for a six months' tour abroad with the money he has saved.

Cincinnatian's Father Has Fine Coin Collection

By CHARLES LUDWIG, in *The Cincinnati Times-Star*

THE father of a Cincinnati woman has the greatest private collection of coins in the world—a collection worth millions of dollars.

This fact was divulged during the closing session of the convention of the American Numismatic Association.

The Cincinnati woman is Mrs. Erna Brand Zeddies of Forest Hills, Hyde Park, wife of Robert F. Zeddies, sales division manager of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Company.

It was her uncle, Virgil Brand, millionaire Chicago brewer, who accumulated the vast collection during over forty years.

On his death, five years ago, he left it to his brothers, Attorney Horace L. Brand and Armin Brand of Chicago. Mrs. Zeddies is the daughter of Horace L. Brand.

Virgil Brand was said to have amassed a fortune of \$30,000,000, and experts have valued his great coin collection at \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

"Brand's collection is unquestionably the greatest private collection in all the world," said M. A. Powills, United States deputy internal revenue collector of Chicago, who has seen portions of Brand's vast collection. "The collection has never been thrown open to the public.

A Kindly Hermit

"Virgil Brand was a remarkable man. He was unmarried and lived like a hermit gentleman in rooms above his brewery. At the brewery he also had parts of his enormous coin collection as well as his

other artistic and scientific collections. He collected a vast library of books dealing with numismatics, he collected pottery, pictures and valuable antiques.

"He once remarked that for him to pay \$30,000 for a collection was no more extravagance than for other folks to buy a cigar. He bought up collection after collection to make one colossal collection out of them. He loved beauty. He did not spend much money on himself but never hesitated to spend it for precious objects of art or numismatics. He was a kindly, generous man and a benefactor of the Chicago Coin Club of which he was a member.

"Among bills liquidated after his death was one for \$30,000 for a collection he bought from Amsterdam. It was simply typical of many.

"The appraisal of the actual bullion value of his collection on his death was \$700,000—that is the value today of the gold and silver in the collection, not counting the extra value given by the rarity and beauty of the coins. His rare one-cent piece of 1804 was put down in this calculation, for instance, for one 'one cent' but it is worth \$3,000 to \$6,000.

"It took many volumes to complete a list of the coins in the collection. There are coins from every land and every clime and every time—coins from the various regimes of Greece, Rome, Egypt, Babylon, of the Goths and Visigoths, of Persia, India, China, Japan, Ireland, England, Germany, France, Spain, the Norwegian lands, Poland, Russia, Lithuania, from Africa, South America—from every land under the sun, past and present.

"No man had ever gathered such a collection before.

Learned Numismatist

"Brand was one of the most learned numismatists of the time—a veritable encyclopedia of information on coins and the history of all the lands his coins came from. Only his vast wealth made it possible for him to gather together such a stupendous collection.

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"He would buy whole collections in order to get a few pieces that were missing from his own. Sometimes, after he bought a very rare piece and found there were just a few others like it in existence, he bought whole collections to get them, too.

"He had the world's largest metal money—Swedish copper plates weighing thirty-two pounds. He has money from the jungles of Africa, money in zinc, lead, iron, aluminum, money in fabrics, natural money in the form of sea shells or tusks of wild hogs, the teeth of animals. He collected the greatest number of unique pieces in the world.

"He had the rare and most beautiful of coins—the ten drachma of ancient Syracuse, the platinum money of Queen Catherine the Great of Russia, California 'gold bugs,' Mormon gold money, and bar after of bar of solid gold bricks—the real thing—ready for coinage. One time when an express company was shipping bags of gold to be coined, he said: 'I'll buy them outright,' and he did. There is shelf after shelf of this vast collection and it costs thousands a year just to house and take care of it."

167,000 Pieces

A Cincinnati, familiar with the collection, said: "There are 167,000 pieces in this collection and it weighs sixty-seven tons. The world has never seen such a stupendous collection of coins—and the world knows little about it because it has never been open for public inspection, though numismatists from all over the world know about it and have seen parts of it. To see all of it would take months. Some of the coins are nearly as big as a man. The collection is now housed in a special **vault built** at the Continental Bank Company, Chicago. Virgil Brand bought coins from royalty and from collectors all over the globe. He had thirteen men on his payroll, collecting coins and helping him prepare his collection. It would take twenty-five girls three months just to make a catalogue of the articles."

Collectors of Collection

George J. Bauer, Rochester, N. Y., president of the American Numismatic Association, said recently that Brand's collection was the greatest that any American had ever gathered together.

"Brand lived like a friendly hermit at his brewery and in his lifetime he showed me parts of his collection," said Bauer. "I recall he had a bodyguard who was seven feet tall. Brand's collection surpassed the wildest dream of the numismatist—he had gathered the most wonderful things from all the world. He spent millions upon the collection, that represented the best from every nation, ancient and modern. He had millions and when he wanted a coin he bought it. I know he bought a French collection, for instance, for \$90,000. He was much more than just a collector—he was a collector of great collections."

When Mrs. Zeddies was asked about the collection she said, recently: "Yes, it is true that my uncle made this vast collection, the greatest, I understand, in the world, and he left it to his brothers, Horace and Armin of Chicago, the former being my father. I have heard much of this mighty collection, though I have not seen all of it—it's too vast."

A Palo Alto Neighbor of Hoovers

Included in the numismatic fraternity is John A. Gill of Palo Alto, Calif., neighbor of the Hoovers, when they are at home in that city.

Mr. Gill now has a coin which he prizes more highly than any of the 5,000 gold, silver, copper and currency items in his collection.

It is a copper cent, issued in 1849, similar in size and design to a \$10 gold piece. The coin itself is not one which ordinarily would be prized so highly by a numismatist, but Mr. Gill's cent piece is superimposed on a five-pound sterling silver plaque, presented to him June 30, when he retired after a century of service with railroads in the West.

Mr. Gill on a recent trip East was scheduled for a visit at the White House.

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NUMISMATICS



Half Dime History

By MERRILL V. SHELDON

THE half dime of the United States coinage series is a very interesting little coin, both in historical significance and in popular choice for in the extreme South and West it was the smallest species of coin in circulation up to the time of the introduction of the small cent.

Upon the adoption of the Jefferson Decimal Coinage System, by Congress in 1785, the half dime technically first came to light. Though, in this dim dawn of our coinage history it was first known as a half bit which name was subsequently changed to half dime by the first Board of the Treasury. The name disme being selected, meaning tenth in English numeral terminology; the root word being the Latin word Decima. The letter "S" was later dropped from disme probably in favor of the shorter word dime which from all records seems to be strictly an American word coined for our monetary system's use. Whatever its true background may be it appears on all one tenth and one twentieth dollar coins from 1837 to date. Prior to 1829 no mark as to the coin's value appeared on the half dime; from 1829 to 1837 a 5c appeared on all half dimes.

The first proposed weight for this silver midget was $18\frac{1}{4}$ grains, but in 1792 Congress authorized the half disme to be $18\text{-}9/16$ grains of fine silver or the one twentieth part of a dollar and to be of the same silver fineness, which was approximately a twelve to one ratio alloy of silver and copper. This weight was standard until 1873 when the weight was altered to 17.28 grains of fine silver. The half dime is the smallest United States standard coin-silver piece ever struck in the United States mints, both in standpoint of size and weight. (The three cent silver pieces

were struck from three to one ratio silver-copper alloy.)

The disme and half disme of 1792 were the first authorized issues of the United States Government coinage and were said to be struck from silver spoons supplied by Martha Washington; and for the mintage a seigniorage charge of one-half of one per cent was paid. No other American coins are christened with like distinction, and for this reason are highly prized numismatically. Official mint coinage of the half dime began in 1794, and, it was about this time that the one twentieth dollar coin unit was named half dime. And with the appearance of the names dime and half dime on coins these names became permanently incorporated into our currency terminology.

During the 78-year period of the half dime coinage there was but 5 different distinct types, struck intermittently from 1794 to 1873. In all there is 54 different dates. None were struck for 1793, 1798, 1799, and 1804 nor from 1806 to 1828 inclusive. While there are but 5 types there are 228 definitely known different varieties according to Newlin and Niel. Newlin describes 23 varieties for the first nine years of coinage and Niel 205 varieties for the last forty years.

The years of 1794 to 1797; 1800 to 1803; 1805; 1846 and 1863 to 1867 "S" mint are the years of greatest rarity. 1802 is the rarest of the half dime series and is one of the rarest of American silver coins. There is also a very rare specimen of the 1859 half dime without the legend "U. S." of which it is claimed there were only 4 or 5 struck before they were suppressed. Too, the 1838 "O" mint is extra rare and many other varieties and branch mint

coins are not easy to obtain.

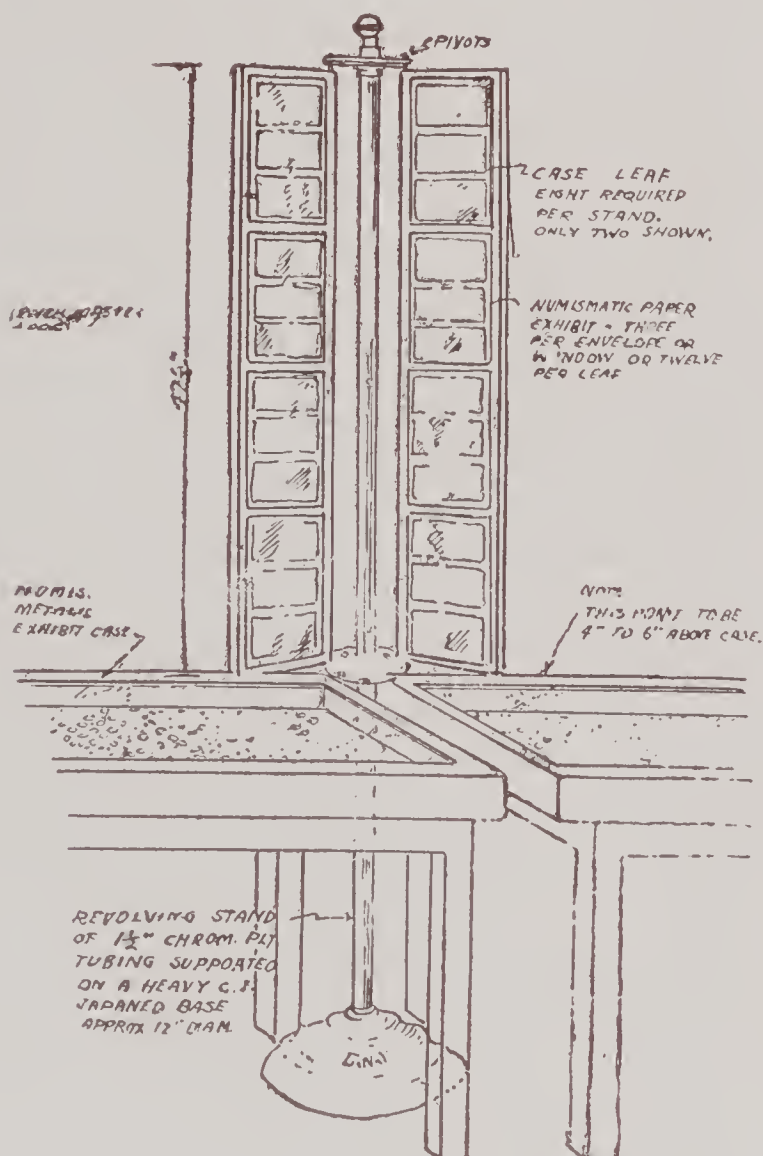
Upon the enactment of 1866 creating a five cent copper-nickel coin the half dime series was soon to cease. The 1873 enactment brought about the termination in favor of the more convenient five cent nickel. The proportions of weight and size

with improved wearing qualities of the nickel was the deciding wedge that removed from circulation one of our most interesting series of United States coins. Thus with banishment from everyday circulation the half dime became a numismatic treasure for all time.

Numismatic Paper Exhibit Case

Proposed and designed by ROLLO E. GILMORE, Chicago Numismatist

THE accompanying illustration shows a plan for numismatic paper exhibit case proposed and designed by Rollo E. Gilmore, Chicago numismatist. The design covers revolving cases on a stand permitting ninety-six of the old style and size paper currency to be exhibited, compared to possibly eighty in the ordinary flat top cases.



This device will not only allow the paper note to be viewed casually from a distance by curiosity seekers who attend exhibits and whose only interest may be in the denomination, but it also will allow the real numismatist to scrutinize closely the signature, numbers, mis-strikes, and other de-

tails on both sides of the currency, something the flat top exhibit cases do not permit.

One of the features of this proposed case is that it will require a very small space for set-up, and may even be located between two cases of metallic numismatic items.

The small rectangular spaces represent eight windows. These are to consist of four heavy clear glass composition, fire-resisting envelopes, each of which is equipped with a supporting slide of similar material to hold three old style bills properly spaced. This glass composition will allow handling and shipment of cases without breakage of glass, will be lighter for shipment and will give more protection than glass.

An exhibit case of this type for displaying numismatic paper at the A. N. A. Conventions, local coin clubs, and probably for certain museum specimens should prove advantageous. We suggest that numismatists study the sketch and write Mr. Gilmore, 104 S. Michigan Ave., Room 1619 Monroe Bldg., Chicago, Ill., of any suggestions for improvement. Mr. Gilmore expects to present the design to the *American Numismatic Association* for sanction and approval.

Entering a Salem, Ore., bank, a depositor left \$1,900 in \$20 gold pieces. Latest coins were dated 1915.

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The first use of the term "Almighty Dollar" is attributed to Washington Irving in his "A Creole Village" published in 1837.

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Shell-fish and playing cards were among the strange currencies on view at a recent exhibition in London.

The American Legion

By CHARLES B. HILL-TOUT

I WONDER how many collectors know that there were five American Legion battalions in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces during the World War? Men were coming from the United States and joining every Canadian battalion that went overseas, so an enthusiastic recruiting officer or N. C. O. thought to appeal to the Americans in even greater numbers by forming special "American Legion" battalions. The numbers allotted were 97th, 211th, 212th, 213th, and 237th and the design was the "Martha Washington" shield on a maple leaf with the words "Canada" on one side and "overseas" on the other and "American Legion" on a ribbon beneath. The badges for the 97th and 211th were actually made and worn with the words "American Legion" on them. But since the United States had not declared war at this period, it became necessary to delete the word "American" from Canadian military units, and the whole five



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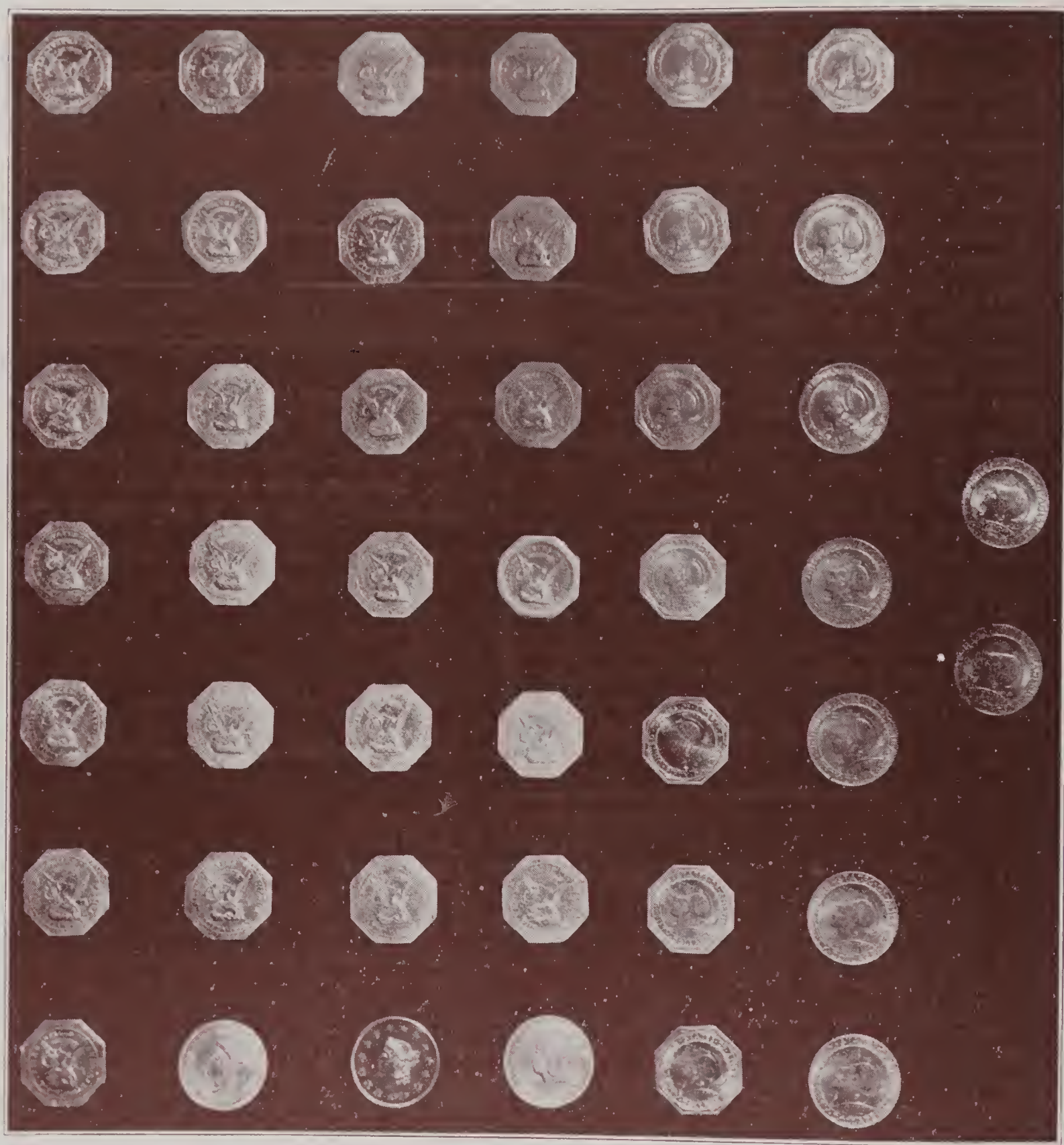
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Fifty Dollar Gold Pieces



Illustrating 44 of Henry Stephen's fifty dollar gold pieces

IT is very hard for the Editor to speak of a collection of fifty dollar gold pieces without philosophizing a bit.

He suspects that their owner loves money only for its beauty and historical background, and not for its face value. Sordidly speaking, were these pieces placed on interest at six per cent they would accumulate a few dollars in the course of ten years or so. But would that be nourishment to the spirit of a true collector? At any rate these pieces, comprising perhaps one of the largest individual collection of

its kind in existence, will probably never be put out on interest, for their owner, Henry Stephens, President of a bank in East Detroit, Mich., says they are not for sale.

Readers of HOBBIES will remember Mr. Stephen's valuable and rare collection of jadite, a product little known, which was described in an earlier issue.

In addition to fifty dollar gold pieces and jadite, Mr. Stephens has one of the largest collections of stamps in the country. He collects Americana only and has an airmail

stamp of Newfoundland, No. 201, which is listed in Scott's catalogue at \$1,500.

Nor is that all; he has a great variety of rugs, from Morocco, two Chilkoot blankets from Alaska, made from mineral dyes, and many other interesting objects d' art which he has picked up in his wide travels.

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The event was an echo of the A. N. A. Convention and its grand success. The entertainment committee, Charles T. Thul, William H. Schwarz, and William J. Schultz, chairman, staged a surprise, in that all who attended received a present as follows: Chris H. Rembold, William H. Doepke, Charles H. Thul, and William F. Sunday of Rochester, each received a silver founders' medal, inscribed "For valuable services rendered at the A. N. A. Convention 1931." President Herbert A. Brand and Secretary William J. Schultz, received a copy of *Cincinnati Numismatically* bound in leather with their names embossed thereon.

Mrs. Charles H. Thul, Mrs. Galen Lyon, Mrs. William H. Schwarz, Mrs. Alice S. Schultz, Mrs. Herbert A. Brand, and Miss Gladys L. Schultz, were the recipients of handsome Rookwood vases, Cincinnati's own product, and Mrs. J. M. Henderson, Miss K. Rembold, Miss L. Motz, Mrs. F. Fritz, Mrs. Waldo C. Moore, and Miss Blanche Moore, received boxes of candy. All the members present, Walter G. Boebinger, Galen M. Lyon, B. J. Lazar, J. M. Henderson, Byron H. Burns, and

including previously named members, were presented with copper Itannicnic medals with the number of their membership entrance into the association and name engraved on the reverse side.

Corsage bouquets were distributed to all the ladies present and each in turn responded with a nice talk. The principal speakers were William L. Doepke, Chris H. Rembold, and Mrs. J. M. Henderson. William H. Schwarz, told of his experiences in the gold and silver refining business. A lady came in with limburg cheese wrapping foil and demanded to know what price silver brings? Stories were swapped until late in the evening during the social session, after which the song "Until We Meet Again" closed another memorable Cincinnati event.

Auction

This is a partial list of the items and the prices obtained at the recent auction sale of M. H. Bolender, Orangeville, Ill.

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1795 half dollar, H. 9, fine	10.00
1802 half dollar, very good	6.50
1852 half dollar, uncirculated	7.50
1915 Panama-Pacific half dollar, uncirculated	11.25
1796 quarter, very good	15.00
1804 quarter, fine	9.00
1893 Isabella quarter, proof	3.75
1796 dime, uncirculated	10.00
1803 dime, very good	8.00
1878 20c, proof	7.75
1787 Fugio cent, extra fine	2.40
1791 Washington cent, uncirculated	7.50
1793 wreath cent, very good	8.00
1799 cent, very good	41.00
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1921 Missouri half dollar, no star	6.00
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B. C. 770-255 Chinese PU coin	4.25
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COPPERHEADS

By ROLLO E. GILMORE

DURING the early part of the Civil War, current metallic currency was at a premium, and minor coins were almost unobtainable. Citizens anticipating the possible increase in value of metal hoarded gold, silver, nickel, and even copper coins on the supposition that they would soon command a high premium. This expectation was not realized, except at one time in 1864 it is said that the nickel cents sold at a premium of fifteen per cent, even with the approximate average mintage of cents, as in previous years.

The scarcity of small change became so great as a result of the hoarding inertia, that various expedients were resorted to by storekeepers and tradesmen to remedy the deficiency in order to accommodate their customers with the proper amount of change. Thus encased postage stamps scrip, shin plasters, and similar mediums were brought into use.

During the fall of 1862, the first of these historical mementoes, now known as "Copper Heads" or "Civil War tokens" necessity pieces, made their appearance in Cincinnati and other cities. Their appearance in New York followed in the spring of 1863, commencing with the Lindenmuller tokens, of which at least one million pieces were struck. It is said that Lindenmuller was requested by the Third Ave. R. R. Co. to redeem a large number of his tokens but this he laughingly refused to do. Wm. H. Bridgens, the die cutter, followed with the Knickerbocker currency of which many varieties were used in immense numbers. Similar pieces became general throughout the Eastern and Middle-western States. Copper was used chiefly, but there were a few in white metal, nickel, and silver.

At first the government made no effort to stop the coining of the war tokens, and they continued to circulate in epidemic fashion until 1864. Then the government by an act of Congress took measures to stop the coinage of these private tokens, and from that time they quickly disappeared from circulation. It has been estimated that there were no less than 25,000,000 "copperheads," comprising more than 10,000

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